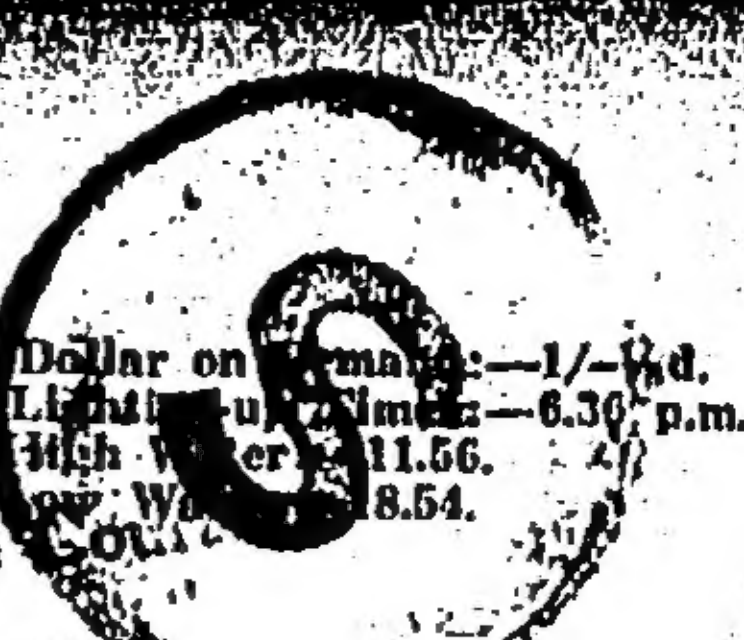


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EUROPEANS PINNED UNDER CAR.

MIDNIGHT SMASH IN KOWLOON.

CAR TURNS TURTLE INTO NULLAH.

LADY EXTRICATED IN HALF HOUR.

LUCKY ESCAPES.

Pinned for nearly an hour beneath his car which crashed into the big nullah in Waterloo Road, Kowloon, last night, and turned turtle, Mr. Sydney Ashworth, an Assistant Government Marine Surveyor, and Mrs. Ashworth, had remarkable escapes from serious injury.

They were the only occupants of the car, which was badly wrecked, and which became firmly wedged against the sides of the nullah. Mrs. Ashworth was extricated and sent to hospital after half an hour, a terrifying experience. Her husband was not released until half an hour later.

The mishap occurred shortly before midnight, when Mr. and Mrs. Ashworth were returning from Kowloon Tong to their home at Observatory Villas, proceeding by way of Waterloo Road to Nathan Road.

Out of Control.

The car, a Studebaker five-seater touring, apparently got out of control as Mr. Ashworth was passing the Dogs' Home, and failing to negotiate the corner into Nathan Road, crashed into the iron pile railing alongside the nullah, broke clean through, and tumbled upsidedown into the nullah.

Bandmaster Bent, of the Army and Sutherland, Highlanders, living at President Apartments, which are right on the corner, heard the noise of the crash, and rushing out to see what had happened, found the car as described with Mr. and Mrs. Ashworth pinned underneath.

Assistance Arrives.

He tried without avail to find some means of releasing the victims, and then blew his police whistle for assistance.

Soon afterwards, Inspector Mason, of the Traffic Department, and Sergeant Scrim, arrived on the scene, and with the aid of crowbars and iron bars obtained from the nearby bus depot, succeeded in tilting the car sufficiently to permit the release of Mrs. Ashworth, who appeared to be little injured, but suffering severely from shock.

Half an hour later, Mr. Ashworth was extricated.

Minor Injuries.

Both were removed to the Kowloon Hospital where their injuries were attended to. Both were detained. On enquiry at the hospital this morning, we were informed that Mrs. Ashworth is suffering from minor injuries, and shock. Her injuries are not serious.

Mr. Ashworth suffered a dislocated shoulder and other minor injuries, which are not regarded as serious. He is also suffering to some extent from shock.

There were dozens of curious on-lookers at Waterloo Road this morning where the car is still lying in the nullah. The road where the accident occurred is extremely narrow and not particularly well lighted at night.

The official report states that the accident occurred at 11.45 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Ashworth have been in the Colony for a little over a year, arriving in January, 1930.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has weakened and is central near Shanghai. The depression has deepened and moved to the N.E. of Tokyo. Moderate rain is falling along the S.E. coast.

PITIFUL PLIGHT OF NANNING.

EVIDENCE OF AERIAL RAIDS EVERYWHERE.

REBELS HOLD THE CITY

After an interval of some months, communication between Nanning and Nanning has been again opened up, but it is difficult to say for how long, since the military situation has been by no means cleared up. The journey is not an easy one, either, for a foreigner recently spent no fewer than fourteen days in covering the 350 miles by motor-car.

Recent arrivals in Nanning have found the city in a most pitiful plight, the charred ruins of many houses and other buildings bearing mute witness to the numerous air raids carried out by Cantonese planes in an effort to cause the rebel defenders to give up possession of the city.

All through the city there is evidence of the air raids, whilst defence measures have necessitated the taking up of the street flagging and the demolition of houses within range of the breastworks.

Very little repair work has yet been done, so that Nanning still bears the appearance it did during the height of the siege. It is evident that the defenders do not intend to give up the city, whilst apparently there are to be no further attacks on it.

The recent peace negotiations in Nanning have proved a success in other parts of Kwangsi, but Nanning is still opposed to the Central Government. Only a week or so ago, General Li Chung-ven, who heads the rebel defenders, expressed himself strongly against Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, and there is evidently no peace feeling amongst the rebel combination.

LIVERPOOL AND SUEZ CANAL.

ANOTHER STRONG PROTEST AGAINST HIGH DUES.

London, Mar. 23.

A resolution calling for a reduction in the Suez Canal dues was passed to-day at a meeting of leading Liverpool business men.

The resolution stresses Liverpool's vital dependence on Eastern markets and urges the Government to bring about an immediate reduction of dues on loaded ships to five gold francs, and to promote negotiations for a fresh agreement with the Canal Company which will prevent a recurrence of the present abuses, and give a lasting confidence in the efficient and impartial administration of the Canal.

MR. G. S. HUGH JONES IN SHANGHAI.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE IN SUPREME COURT.

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

Mr. Graeme Simon Hugh Jones, the well-known Hongkong solicitor of the firm of Wilkinson and Grist, was admitted to practice in H.M. Supreme Court in Shanghai by Judge Sir Peter Grin yesterday.

Mr. Hugh Jones' affidavit was supported by Mr. Reader Harris. His Honour said he had received a letter from Mr. Justice Wood stating that Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones was a competent person to be admitted in Shanghai, and he tendered congratulations, expressing good wishes for his success.

SPANISH LEADERS SENTENCED.

REPUBLICAN MANIFESTO SEQUEL.

Madrid, Mar. 23.

Senor Zamora, Don Miguel Maura, Don Fernando de los Rios and nine other prominent Republican leaders were sentenced by court-martial to-day to six months imprisonment for signing the famous December manifesto.

Remarkable scenes marked the trial. The public stood up as a mark of respect when the prisoners filed in, but made no move when the Justices appeared.

FIRM STAND BY INDIAN GOVERNMENT.

CONDEMNED MEN HANGED.

CONGRESS PROTEST UNAVAILING.

ALLAHABAD RIOT.

Lahore, Mar. 23.

In spite of the threat by leaders of the Congress Party to advocate non-cooperation in the further work of the Round Table Conference in the event of the execution of the three men sentenced to death at Lahore for their part in the Lahore conspiracy, the stay of execution was refused and all three were hanged at Lahore to-day.

The condemned men were Bhagha Singh, Raj Guru and Sukh Dav, and they were sentenced to death for their connexion with the murder of the Police-Commissioner, Mr. Saunders, three years ago.

Bitterness Feared.

The Viceroy's agreement with Gandhi provided only for pardon for those not guilty of violence, but it is feared that the execution will cause bitter feeling at the All-India Congress which is due to open to Karachi to-morrow.

Meanwhile, the situation elsewhere is causing some anxiety. A message from Allahabad states that many acts of arson by discontented tenants are reported from districts near Allahabad where recently there has been propaganda urging the tenants not to pay their rents.

A Mohammedan land-owner collecting rents yesterday was attacked by his tenants and narrowly escaped with his life.

His servants, according to allegations now being made, killed one of his assailants with spears and axes, and beat two others so severely that they are now lying in hospital in a precarious condition.

Ringleaders Arrested.

The police, armed with clubs, dispersed a large crowd, including many Congress volunteers, in one village which was up in arms and demonstrating against landlords who were distraining on their tenants' crops. The ringleaders of the demonstration were arrested.

London, Mar. 23.

Asked for information regarding the recent communal riots in the Mirzapur district, during which eleven Mohammedans were killed by Hindus, the Secretary for India, in the House of Commons to-day, attributed the disturbances to baseless rumours that the Mohammedan Zamindar had given cows' flesh to a Hindu servant.

Sixty arrests were made and an adequate Police Force were now on duty. No renewal of the disturbances was expected.

Indian Labour.

The Secretary for India also informed the Commons that he was consulting the Governor-General on the question of adequate representation of organized Indian Labour on the reconstituted Federal Structure Committee.

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AMERICA'S DROP IN INCOMES.

TAX RECEIPTS DOWN BY OVER 50 PER CENT.

Washington, Mar. 23.

A Treasury deficit of \$5700,000,000 is expected at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 1931.

Some indication of the financial situation is given in the Treasury estimates for income tax collections in the present month, which are expected to provide a total of \$3200,000,000 as compared with \$3560,000,000 last year, a reduction of more than fifty per cent.

The incomes of both individuals and corporations show heavy decreases, the reduction of many of the former being due to losses sustained by the stock market.

The Currency Commission.

Arriving in Colony on Tuesday Next.

FREE HAND GIVEN.

That the special Currency Commission, appointed by the Colonial Office to enquire into and report on the Hongkong currency system, is to work on the very widest terms of reference, was revealed to the Telegraph by the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax) to-day.

"The Commission," Mr. Hallifax said, "has been given carte blanche as to its procedure, and Government has no objection to its doing so."

HUGE SHANGHAI DRUG HAUL.

MORPHINE PILLS VALUED AT \$100,000.

MEANT FOR S. CHINA.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

A sensational drug seizure in the streets of Shanghai was made yesterday when police stopped a motor-truck in North Szechuan Road, examined the parcels which were being carried, and ordered the driver to make for the nearest police station.

The car was stopped when heading towards the Kiangnan Road Post Office, from where, apparently, the parcels were to have been despatched through the post to South China.

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LAW ON PRIVATE PARKING.

ROAD UNDER TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

PUBLIC ACCESS THE VITAL FACTOR.

MR. FORSYTH'S CASE.

Ruling that a place to which the public had access continuously or intermittently, whether Crown land or not, was a road under the Traffic Regulations, Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy this morning, registered a conviction against Mr. H. R. Forsyth for parking his car near the Jockey Club premises at Happy Valley. Mr. Forsyth was accordingly cautioned on the charge of disobeying the directions of a Traffic Police officer.

Inspector Nicol testified that at 10.20 a.m. on the 2nd instant, during the annual Races, he drove down to Happy Valley and reached the Jockey Club stands by way of Wongneichong Road. He put his car on the parking stand by the nullah on the east side of the public entrance. He saw Car No. 1732, which he knew was owned by Mr. Forsyth, parked under the verandah of the tiffin room.

Jockey Club Property.

Mr. Forsyth was standing near the public entrance, and when spoken to by witness regarding the undesirability of leaving his car there, remarked: "This is Jockey Club property." He then walked away.

No other car was there at the time, continued witness, but later on an Austin Seven, driven by a young lady, drove up and stopped there for a few minutes. After another young lady had got out, he spoke to the lady who was the driver, explaining to her that she could not leave her car there. She drove away.

One other car, No. 147, came up and parked there while the driver got out. He was going into the Racecourse when, after being called to a good many times, he returned and drove the car to the proper parking stand by the nullah.

No Obstruction.

Mr. Forsyth admitted that what the witness had said in evidence was substantially correct. Reverting to evidence given at a previous hearing, he queried whether an obstruction had been caused in any way by his leaving the car there.

Inspector Nicol asserted that pedestrians were obstructed. There was a large crowd rushing to shelter on account of rain.

Mr. Forsyth, remarking that the state of the weather was always a weighty consideration on Race Days with Jockey Club officials, referred to meteorological records, which he said, on that day, gave the total rainfall as .03 inch only between 10 a.m. that day and 10 a.m. on the following day (the 3rd.)

Only at Observatory.

His Worship replied he could not go by that record as he thought that was the rainfall recorded at the Observatory.

Mr. Forsyth replied that he was not sure he saw that in the papers. He recollected that on the Course there was only an occasional drizzle.

Inspector Nicol disagreed. He said there was at least one shower, which compelled the large crowd to go under shelter. There was an Indian constable with me who also went under cover," witness declared.

When he first arrived, Mr. Forsyth was talking to Sub-Inspector Carpenter, and they both went away. He shouted to Mr. Forsyth: "You can't park your car there. You will have to put it over by the nullah. Defendant said that was Jockey Club property and turned and walked away.

"Not My Funeral."

Mr. Forsyth contended that Mr. Inspector Nicol said "more than he said he did. Inspector Nicol said: 'That is not my funeral,' in reply to Mr. Forsyth's allusion to the fact as being Jockey Club property, and he had then said: 'As far as I can see, it is not my funeral.'"

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LIBERALS AND LABOUR.

EUROPE ALARMED AT NOTHING.

DR. CURTIUS INTERVIEWS AMBASSADORS.

NO PROTEST LODGED.

Berlin, Mar. 23.

An explanation of the Austro-German Customs Union, which has caused such a flutter in the chancelleries of Europe, was given by the Foreign Minister, Dr. Curtius, to the British, French and Italian Ambassadors, who visited him to-day in response to an invitation.

Dr. Curtius subsequently issued a statement emphasising that there was no question of representations or protests having been made in Berlin.

The evening newspapers warmly support the Government's contention that no international obligations are violated by the Convention.

London, Mar. 23.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, left London to-day for Paris to attend a meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council of the League of Nations in January last, to organize the work of the Commission of Enquiry into European Economic Union.

The Committee begins its sittings in Paris to-morrow morning.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN HONOURED.

FRANCE AWARDS LEGION OF HONOUR.

Paris, Mar. 23.

An announcement that the Cross of the Legion of Honour is to be bestowed on Charlie Chaplin, the world-famous cinema comedian, who is being lionised in Paris as he was in London, came as a climax to the honours paid to him in France.

He was to-day a guest of M. Briand, the Foreign Minister, at the Quai d'Orsay, where he met a distinguished company, including the British Ambassador, the celebrated poetess, the Comtesse de Noailles, the playwright, Tristan Bernard, and the Prince and Princess Sixte Bourbon-Parma.

"Charlie" will for some time be the guest of the Duke of Westminster at his seat in Normandy, where he keeps a pack of boar-hounds, after which he will probably go to the Riviera for a rest.

BRITISH TRADE IN S. AMERICA.

VALUE OF THE D'ABERNON MISSION.

London, Mar. 23.

In reply to a question on the report of the D'Abernethy Trade Mission to South America, Mr. Gillett, Secretary of the Overseas Trade Department, said effect had been given to the Mission's recommendations concerning participation in the British Empire Exhibition at Buenos Aires, the reduction of cable rates, increased official representation, extension of cultural education and marketing methods, and aviation matters.

A distinct benefit had accrued to trade as a result of the mission, in that the attention of British exporters had been focused on the South American market.

MR. SNOWDEN MUCH BETTER.

WILL PROBABLY PRESENT THE BUDGET.

London, Mar. 23.

Mr. Philip Snowden's health has now so much improved, following his operation that it is confidently believed he will be able to present the Budget himself in the House of Commons in April.

The date provisionally fixed is April 14th, but it may be postponed.

ENGLAND TALKS TO JAPAN.

RADIO TELEPHONE TESTS BEING MADE.

London, Mar. 23.

Radio telephone tests between Britain and Japan were inaugurated from Rugby Wireless Station yesterday.

The test will take a considerable time, as the most suitable way of transmitting the signals has not yet been decided.

FULL ALLIANCE POSTPONED.

L. G. BALKED BY SIR JOHN SIMON.

THE STATUS QUO.

London, Mar. 23.

Mr. Lloyd George has come out definitely in favour of a closer working arrangement between the Liberal and Labour Parties, it now being clear that there was more than a germ of truth in the rumours in the Lobbies last week hinting at a possible amalgamation.

For the time being, however, the Liberal leader is being balked by other prominent Liberals, notably Sir John Simon, and unless some arrangement is made at to-morrow's meeting of the Parliamentary Liberal Party when the Party discipline is to be discussed, it is probable that the status quo will not be changed in essentials.

Week-end Talks.

The largest meeting of Liberal ex-Ministers ever held gathered in Mr. Lloyd George's room at the House of Commons this evening for the purpose of discussing the matter, which was raised, it is disclosed, by conversations which Mr. Lloyd George has had during the week-end with members of the Government.

It is stated quite frankly that the purpose of Mr. Lloyd George's approach to the Government leaders was in regard to the possibility of a closer working arrangement between the Liberals and the Government.

The meeting in Mr. Lloyd George's room was private. It was attended by Sir John Simon and a number of other ex-Liberal Ministers. Sir John Simon and his supporters opposed any arrangement with the Government.

Simon Opposition.

It is understood that owing to the very strong line taken by the Simon group, the meeting led to no practical results and it is stated that there is little prospect of the Liberals reaching an agreed line of procedure to make a formal declaration worth while.

Apart from the dozen supporters of Sir John Simon, another section of the Liberals, while favouring the retention of the Labour Government in office, feels disinclined to bind itself to vote for them on all occasions.

Co-operation Agreed.

Later.

It is understood that the meeting, by a majority, approved co-operation with the Government on policies common to both, a resolution which does not change the existing situation essentially.

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PO LEUNG KUK
CEREMONY.
FOUNDATION STONE LAID BY
SIR WM. PEEL.

THE MUNSAI PROBLEM

His Excellency the Governor, yesterday afternoon laid the founda-
tion stone of the new Po Leung
Kuk Building at Leighton Hill
Road, thus marking the beginning
of a new era for the work of this
institution, whose assistance in
matters appertaining to the wel-
fare of Chinese women and girls
was publicly acknowledged in His
Excellency's speech.

A large number of people, chiefly
Chinese, had gathered on the site
of the new building to welcome
His Excellency, who was accom-
panied by Lady Peel and Capt.
T.A.H. Colman, A.D.C. Others
present included, His Excellency,
Major General J. W. Sandilands,
the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the
Hon. Mr. E.D.C. Wolfe, the Hon.
Mr. H. T. Cressy, the Hon. Dr. A.
H. Wellington, the Hon. Mr. A. E.
Wood, the Hon. Mr. S. W. T'so, the
Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon.
Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. D. W. Traut-
man, Mr. C. G. Perdue, Mr. C. D.
Melbourne, Mr. A. G. Toppin, Mr.
A. L. Shields, Lady Ho Tung, Mrs.
Kotewall, Messrs. M. K. Lo, Ho
Leung, Ho Ju, Kwok Siu-lau, Li
Yick-mui, Leung Pat-yue, Tang
Shu-kin, Lo Cheung-shui, Chan
Lim-pak, Wong Kwong-tin, Ho
Kwong and Chang Fong.

Early History.

After those present had assembled
in a decorated matchless, the
Chairman (Mr. Tam Wan-tong)
spoke as follows:

The erection of the new build-
ing of the Po Leung Kuk will be
started to-day. H. E. Sir William
Peel, the Governor, has been so
kind as to have come to perform
the ceremony of laying the founda-
tion stone. We have received en-
thusiastic advice and guidance
from the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax,
the Colonial Secretary, the Hon.
Mr. A. E. Wood, the Secretary for
Chinese Affairs, the three Honour-
able Chinese Representatives on the
Legislative Council, and the
Permanent Committee of the
Institute, and have been honoured
with the presence of all you ladies
and gentlemen. We are proud of
this, and are very thankful to you.

Institution's History.

The Po Leung Kuk was first
founded in the 4th year of Kwong
Sui of the Late T'ang Dynasty
(1878), with due approval of the
Government, by Mr. Lo Kang-
yung and other directors. The
Institute was maintained by sub-
scriptions made by the directors
of various terms, and the two
wards, the Ping On and the Fuk
Shau, of the Tung Wah Hospital,
were temporarily borrowed as its
office. In the 17th Year of Kwong
Sui (1891) Mr. Lok Yam-ting and
others—thirty in all—on appoint-
ment as a committee for raising
subscriptions for the erection of a
building for the Institute, succeed-
ed in raising over \$30,000 and the
Tung Wah Hospital gave a piece
of land on loan for the erection of
the proposed building.

Government Subsidy.

As the Institute is an organiza-
tion for assisting the Government
in administering the Colony, a
subsidy of \$20,000 was granted by
the Government, with the approval
of the Secretary of State, and an
Ordinance was enacted for the
guidance of the Institute. The
erection was completed in the
22nd year of Kwong Sui (1896)
and the ceremonies of laying the
foundation stone and opening the
door were performed by Sir
William Robinson, the then Gov-
ernor, 36 years ago. The
Institute generally looks after
cases in connexion with kidnap-
ping of women and children,
emigration, and abductees be-
tween husbands and wives, and

the work it has done in the in-
terests of women and children is
by no means small. But, in view
of the limited area of the Institute,
questions have arisen in respect of
sanitation, and therefore, in recent
years, the directors have proposed
that a new building should be
erected for it, but no suitable site
could be found.

When we took up the charge of
the Institute, we continued the
project of our predecessors, and
went forth to look for a site. Final-
ly we succeeded in finding the site
on which we are going to start the
proposed erection. The Govern-
ment approved of our application,
and granted us the site measuring
about 80,000 square feet. But the
question of funds was one of the
first importance. Therefore I,
and my colleagues, hustled about
day and night, soliciting subscrip-
tions from house to house, and
fortunately succeeded in raising
\$600,000 from the liberal and
charitable community.

Large Contributions.

Sir Robert Ho Tung contributed
\$30,000 as a filial memento of his
late mother; Miss Lam Fuk-chi
\$10,000 in memory of Mr. Lau Yu-
long, and Mr. J. E. Joseph, who has
made wide friendship among the
Chinese, \$30,000, in remembrance
of his late mother. Then, through
the introduction of many of you
here, further subscriptions were
secured, making a total of \$140-
000. That we have been able to
raise such a big sum within such
a short period is, in fact, all owing
to the enthusiasm you gentlemen
have displayed in charity, and it
will be due to the kindness of you
charitable gentlemen that better
accommodation can be afforded to
the women and girls of the In-
stitute on the completion of the
building.

However, the expenses of the
Institute will grow after its re-
moval, as the new building is much
larger. Of the \$140,000 that has
been secured, \$100,000 is to be
spent on the erection of the build-
ing, leaving only \$40,000 that can
be invested in property for the
maintenance of the Institute. But
the Institute has no funds of its
own, and has to depend every year
on the annual subscriptions made
by different unions for its main-
tenance. When the expenses are
increased, the interest yielded by
the \$40,000 will not support the
Institute. We hope in earnest that
all people in the Colony will make
subscriptions to the Institute with
all liberality and enthusiasm, so
that it may have large funds of its
own, and may be maintained for
ever.

I beg respectfully to express on
behalf of our colleagues our hearty
thanks to H. E. the Governor for
being kind enough to lay the
foundation stone. We thank also
all you ladies and gentlemen for
your presence.

His Excellency's Speech.

His Excellency said:—Mr. Tam
Wan-tong, ladies and gentlemen.
—It gives me very great pleasure
to come to-day to lay the founda-
tion stone of this new building.
Very soon after I arrived in Hong-
kong I visited the present Po
Leung Kuk and was struck very
much by two things. Firstly, by
the time and energy spent by the
committee on the work of the In-
stitution, and, secondly, by the in-
adequacy of the premises and the
unsuitability of the site.

In spite of these drawbacks,
however, the committee have done
very fine work. In addition to the
advice and help given by them to
the Secretary for Chinese Affairs,
they have given practical help to
many women and children.
Usually, over 600 people are ad-
mitted to the institution during the
year, and in 1929, the last year of
which I have seen the record, 375
women and children were restored
to their relatives through the Po
Leung Kuk.

As soon as I found that the com-
mittee desired this site for a new
building, I investigated the matter
and approved of it being given for
that purpose. I recommended this
to the Secretary of State, asking

for telegraphic consent, which was
duly received. Mr. Tam Wan-
tong and his committee have wast-
ed no time, and I congratulate him
most heartily on his successful
efforts to raise the necessary
funds. I also congratulate those
subscribers who have responded
so magnificently to his appeal.

System Criticised.

Criticisms have been levelled in
various quarters at the existing
mui-tai system in this Colony.
Some of the criticism is, perhaps,
well-founded, but a great deal of
it is unjustified and without
foundation. At the same time
there are defects in the system,
and Government decided that it
should gradually be eliminated.
Registration was insisted upon
and also notification of any move-
ments of the girls. No more mui-
tai are allowed to come into the
Colony, so that, in due course, they
will gradually cease to exist. A
cadet officer of the Secretariat for
Chinese Affairs devotes consider-
able time to questions connected
with the mui-tai, and I would ask
for the further co-operation of in-
dividuals and bodies whose help I
gratefully acknowledge in bringing
to notice any breaches of the law.

That cases of cruelty to children
occur from time to time cannot be
denied, but cruelty to children is
not inherent in the mui-tai
system, nor is it confined to mui-
tai or even adopted children, and it
is not peculiar to the East. It is,
however, a most despicable crime,
and every effort is being made to
bring offenders to justice.

I have referred to this matter
because I wish to acknowledge the
help given by the Po Leung Kuk
in connexion with these girls.
The committee have been of great
assistance in temporarily taking
in some of them, and assisting us
to find their parents, in order that
they may be returned to them.

Increased Accommodation.

With the increased accommoda-
tion, which will be provided by
this new building, the committee
will be able to render even greater
assistance in the future than in the
past to unfortunate women and
children. I feel that I can count
on their continued assistance and
co-operation. There will be accom-
modation for about 100 persons.
The present system of regular
medical visits will be continued,
and cases of sickness will be re-
moved, if necessary, to the Tung
Wah Eastern Hospital close by. I
wish good luck to the new build-
ing.—(Applause.)

His Excellency then declared the
foundation stone to be well and
truly laid, after which he was pre-
sented with a silver trowel.
A group photograph was then
taken, after which those present
partook of tea.

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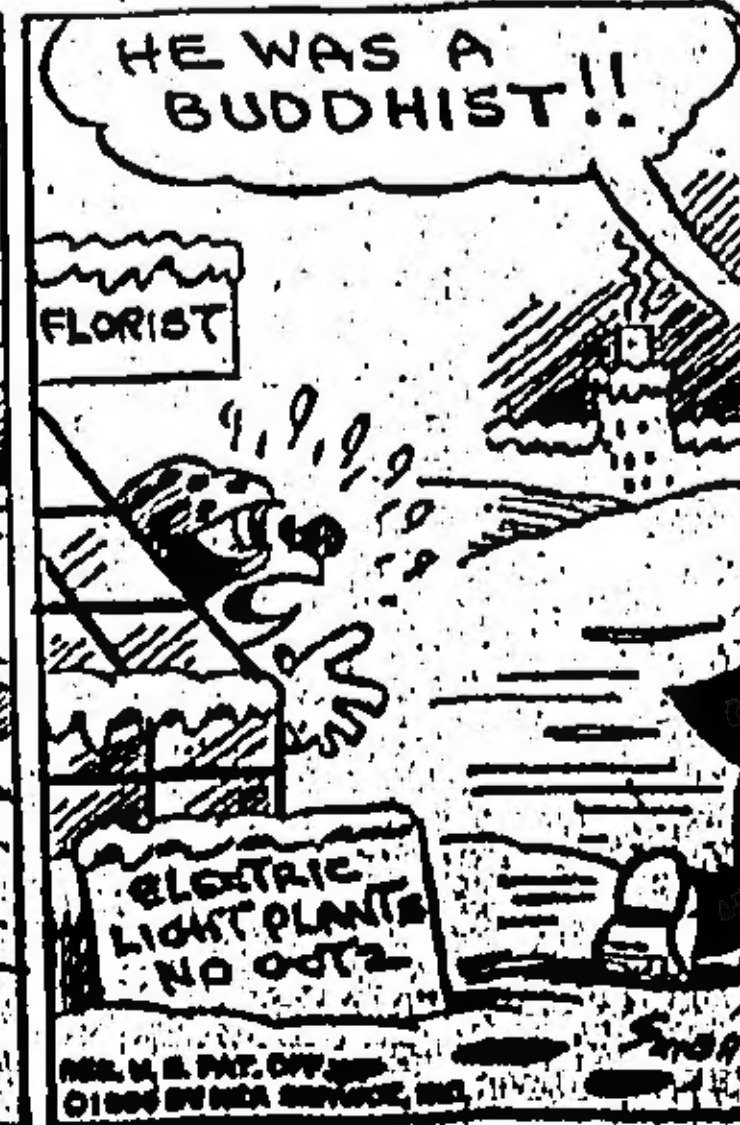
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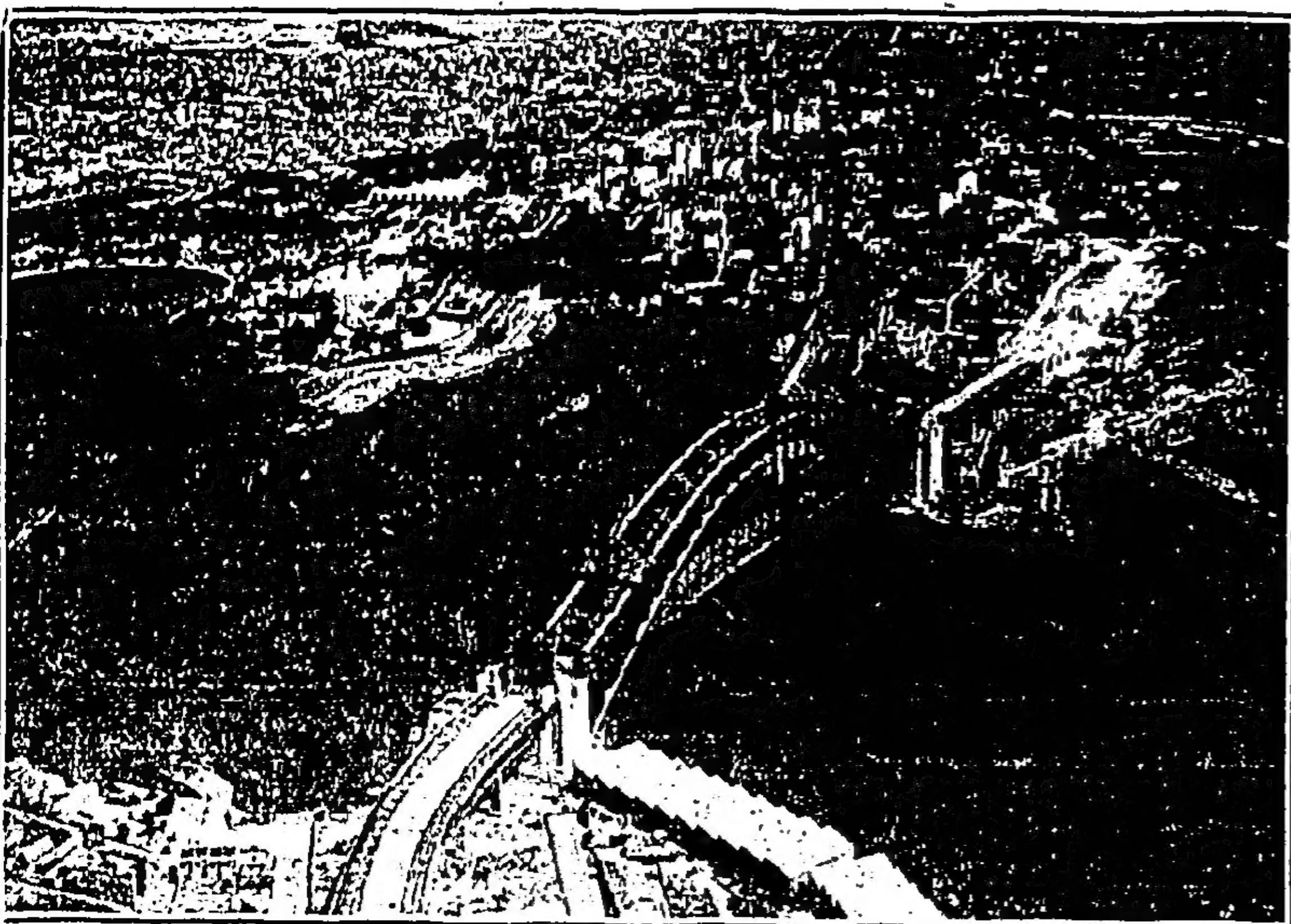
In the centre of the above picture showing the terrible havoc of the quake, is seen the conflagration which spread over parts of Napier, New Zealand, after the earthquake last month. Three hundred people were killed in the disaster and over 1,000 injured. This picture was forwarded from the Antipodes by a special correspondent by airmail.



Mr. A. J. P. Coghlan who led the Shanghai Police in the interference sports last week.



Judge Milton D. Purdy who has resumed his post as Judge of the U. S. Court for China.



Here is the latest picture of the new harbour bridge at Sydney. It was taken from the north shore. The gigantic structure, said to be the largest of its kind in the world, is rapidly nearing completion.



Royal Air Force aeroplane after crashing through the roof of a house in Hampstead. The pilot was uninjured. (Times copyright.)



A wedding which attracted much attention in Shanghai recently was that of Miss Helen Mary Shirdan to Lieut. Philip J. L. Capon, of the R. A. M. C., which took place at St. Joseph's Church. Lieut. and Mrs. Capon sailed later for America, where the honeymoon is being spent.



Mr. O. Bos, chairman of the International Service Committee, Shanghai Rotary Club.



Our picture shows St. Peter's Hall-bumping, Branscombe Hill, in the Torpitz Races at Oxford. The entry for these races this year was the largest on record. (Times copyright.)



A group of State Governors who met at Albany, New York State, recently to discuss the problems of national unemployment. It was decided to urge compulsory insurance.

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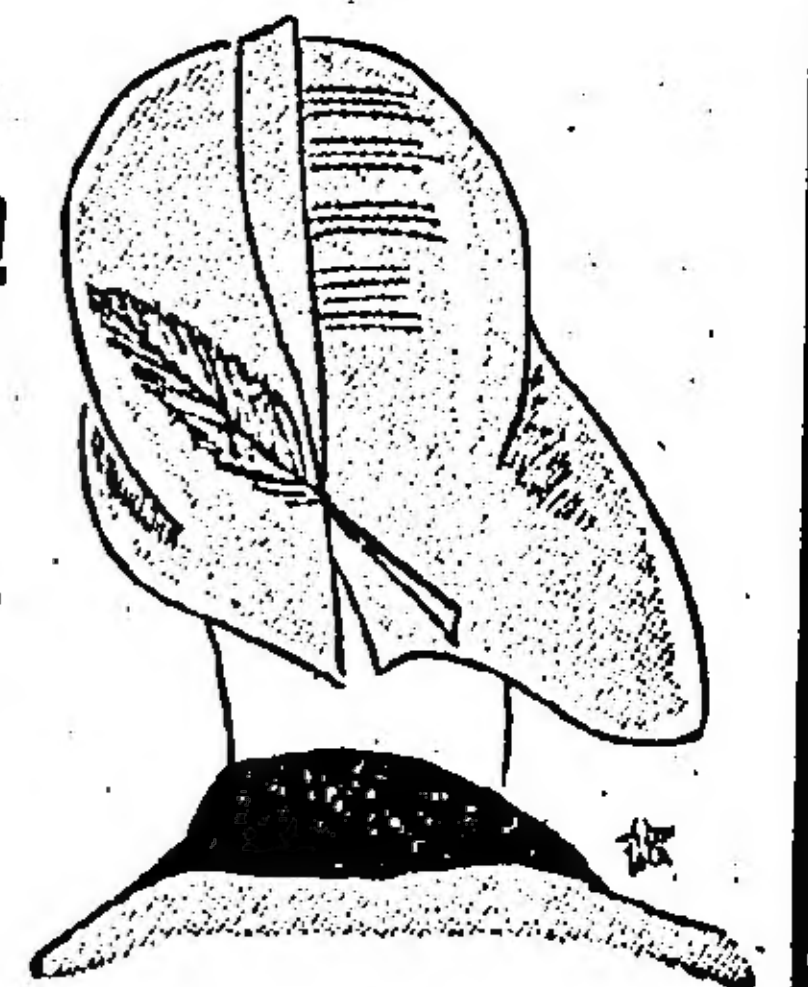
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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Realty and Trust Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building, (2nd floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 15th day of April, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended 31st December, 1930, and re-electing Directors and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 8th day of April, 1931, until Wednesday, the 15th day of April, 1931, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board, C. F. V. RIBEIRO, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1931.

CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

The offices and stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on the 29th March and the 3rd April, 1931, being Customs Holidays.

J. W. STEPHENSON, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District, York Building, Hongkong, 23rd March, 1931.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Sixty-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 26th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY, LIMITED, General Managers, The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 5th March, 1931.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Friday, the 27th March, 1931, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 14th March, 1931, until Friday, 27th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors, SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 2nd March, 1931.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Owing to congestion in the Members' Enclosure, the Free Passes to Ladies will be restricted to One per Member as from the commencement of the Club's financial year, 1st April, 1931.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday and Monday, 4th and 6th April, 1931, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables. Entries close at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, 26th March, 1931.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Classification.

Owners desiring classification of their ponies for the Easter Extra Meeting must notify the Secretary by noon on Tuesday, 24th March, 1931, stating names of ponies to be classified.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on MONDAY, 30th March, 1931, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1930. The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 30th March, 1931, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, R. M. DYER, Chief Manager, Hongkong, 17th March, 1931.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty Sixth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dowdell & Company, Limited, on Tuesday, the 31st March, 1931, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts for 31st December, 1930. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd March to 31st March, 1931, both dates inclusive.

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Lammert's Auctions.

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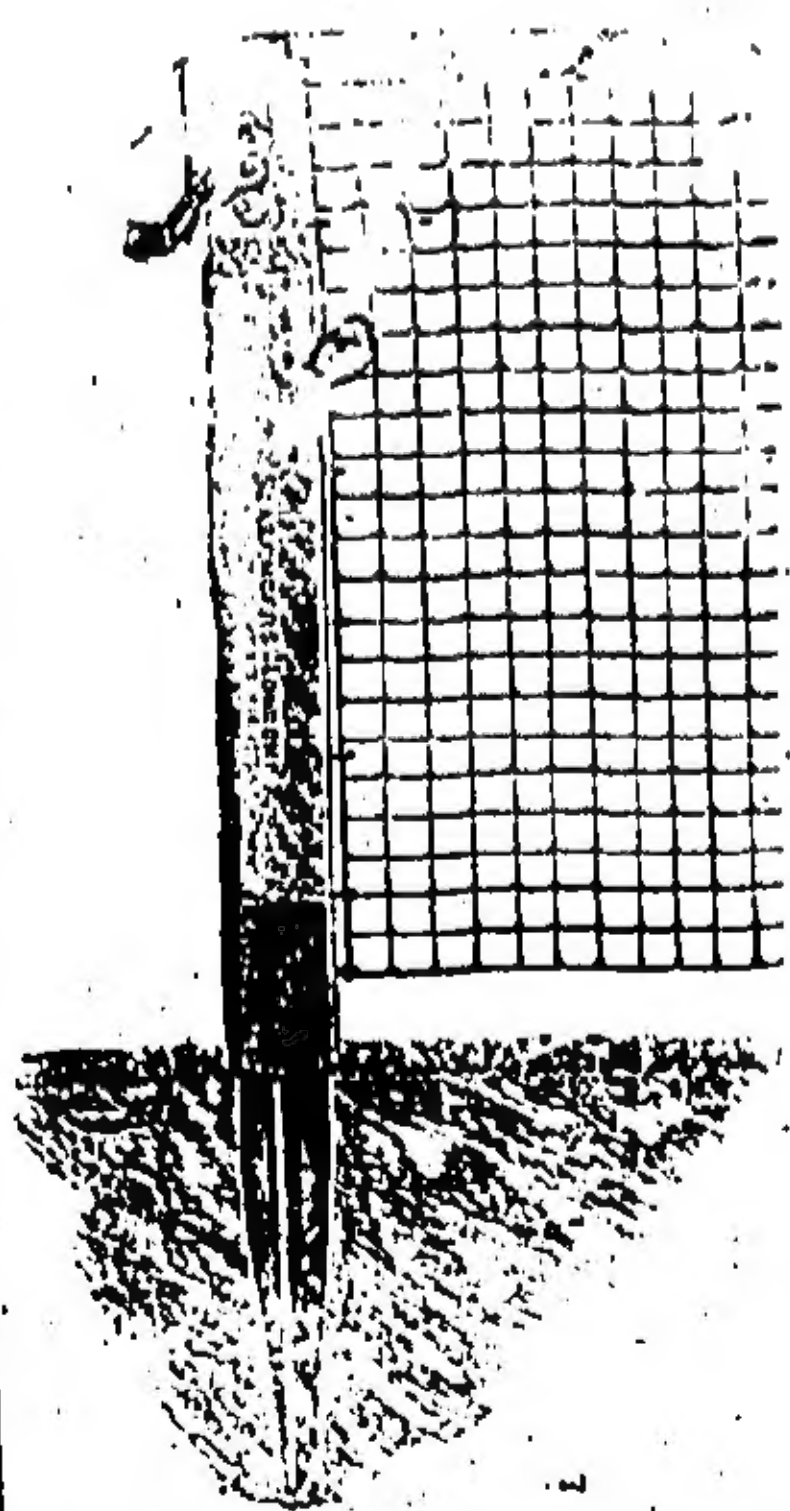
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England, on 23rd March,
1931, a daughter.

RASMUSSEN.—On the 24th March,
1931, at Victoria Hospital,
Hongkong, to Mr. and Mrs. V.
A. J. J. Rasmussen, a son.

MARRIAGE.

FISHER-HONNESS.—On Wednesday,
March 18, 1931, at the British
Consulate, before A. D. Black-
burn, Esq., H.M. Consul, and at
the Holy Trinity Cathedral, before the
Very Reverend Dean A. C. S.
Trivett, Jessie Elizabeth Honess
of Shanghai, to Frederick John
Horman-Fisher of Kobe, Japan.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1930.

THE "ANSCHLUSS."

An old issue has cropped up afresh in the reported agreement between Austria and Germany for the creation of a Customs Union. This move towards an "anschluss" is one which has been visualised as a possibility for many years past. Latterly it has been often hinted at; indeed, a few months ago, Herr Schacht, former President of the Reichsbank, evidently had the idea in mind when he vigorously opposed M. Briand's plan of a general European Union and argued instead in favour of economic combination by easy stages; whilst Dr. Schöner, the Austrian Foreign Minister, in December last, plainly hinted at Austro-German economic unity although at the same time suggesting that this would only be part of a wider movement in which nations with similar economic interests could join. Both the one and the other appeared to fear the political implications of a general European Federation. Now, of course, it is the political possibilities of the Austro-German Union which are causing some uneasiness in other European countries. It is interesting also, as showing the contrasting outlooks, that whilst German opinion is that the new move is the first step towards the realisation of M. Briand's plan, the French viewpoint is precisely opposite.

Austria's position since the Great War has been the subject of much attention and speculation. She has been described as a capital without a country, an epitome which points to a fundamental truth. Vienna, a city of some two million people, which was once the capital and the industrial and banking centre of an Empire containing some fifty million inhabitants, is now the capital of a nation which numbers no

more than six millions. It has found great difficulty in employing and feeding its population, surrounded as it is with the tariff barriers of its neighbours on every side. What is true of Austria is true to some extent of all the other States carved out of the old Hapsburg Empire. None of them is economically self-supporting. They all once formed parts of a well-balanced economic whole. They are now disconnected fragments. This position has given much point to the "anschluss" plan, its advocates arguing that all Austria's problems would be solved if she were to become economically a part of the German Reich, from which she was excluded first by Bismarck and the Hapsburgs and later by the Peace Treaties of the Great War. The movement has become all the stronger because the partition of the old Hapsburg Empire has drawn the other nationalities away from Vienna and has made it a much more German city than it used to be. There are, however, difficulties to be faced. In the connexion it has well been pointed out that the "anschluss" would meet with strenuous opposition both from the other "succession States" and from France. A glance at the map will show that the union of Germany and Austria would make the position of Czechoslovakia, Rumania and indeed of the whole Balkans very precarious. For instance, Czechoslovakia would be almost entirely surrounded by German territory and the territory of Germany's old ally, Hungary. Such a German-Hungarian combination would dominate the whole of Central Europe and would be a serious menace to the independence of Poland, Rumania and Jugoslavia, and to France's predominant position in these parts. It is not surprising, therefore, that France and Czechoslovakia are amongst the countries which have promptly expressed to Dr. Schöner their opposition to the plan.

There are other equally important considerations to be taken into account, some of even wider significance. Prominent amongst these is the Peace Treaty provision that Austria and Germany may not unite for political purposes. It will be denied, of course, that the Customs Union infringes this stipulation, but it does not require much imagination to foresee the one step being but a preliminary to the other. There will be widespread feeling that the revival of the "anschluss" idea at this juncture is particularly unfortunate. It must inevitably arouse suspicions and suggest an attempt to bring back the old days of Continental alliances. Europe's economic problems are far better dealt with by general agreement than by individual States launching out on possibly dangerous experiments.

The British Navy.

Mr. A. V. Alexander's studied warning against going too far in the direction of reducing the size and power of capital ships, gains interest in following quickly upon one of the most remarkable criticisms of the British Fleet ever printed. The author is Captain Bernard Acworth, who retired from the Navy in January, and who is recognised as one of the most brilliant of the "Blue Water" school of thought. Captain Acworth, in a book just published, attacks the strategical doctrines of Lord Fisher, whose spirit still "permeates and dominates the Navy to-day," and says that in adopting his fetish of the mammoth ship, with gigantic guns and enormous horse-power, the first principle of strategy has been forgotten. He advocates the replacement of the present "unlucky" fleet with 25 13.5 inch gun 17 1/4-knot battleships, 88 9.2 in. gun 24-knot armoured cruisers, 112 6 in. gun 27-knot unarmoured cruisers, and 160 small submarines of low speed. Battleships, aircraft-carriers, destroyers and depot-ships are considered superfluous. The new 10,000-ton cruisers of the type now on

DAY BY DAY

WHAT IS REALLY SAD IS NOT THE FACT THAT WE ARE OLD, BUT THAT WE ARE NO LONGER YOUNGER—
Alexandre Dumas.

At the Rotary Clubiffin today, Dr. J. H. Montgomery will speak on "Radium, its History, Source, Physics and Uses."

Mr. A. M. Parker, General Agent of the Canadian Pacific, has arrived in Hongkong to take up his duties as General Agent in the Colony.

The offices and stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on March 23 and April 2, being Customs holidays.

A Japanese poodle dog belonging to Mr. Kanada, of 7, Bowen Road, has been removed to Kennedy Town for observation after it had bitten its owner's son in the leg. The dog was treated at the Government Civil Hospital.

Li Hing, a fruit dealer of Canton, has reported to the local police that his shrewd, Li Ping, came to Hongkong during January to collect, on behalf of his employers, \$2,500 from various shops and has failed to return to Canton.

Leung Yau-chai, alias Leung Yau, appeared before Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of larceny of nine silver teaspoons from the Kowloon British School Former Pupils Association, King's Park, on Saturday last. The defendant was formally remanded for one week.

Two instances of opium poisoning, believed to have been self-administered, came to the notice of the police yesterday. A Chinese woman, Kwan Ng (38), of 140, Hollywood Road and Wong Chung (32) a man living at 4, Stone Nullah Lane, were removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

Suffering from injuries to both legs, caused by being wounded with a butcher, Lam Choi, second officer of the s.s. Kaitangata, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital last night. The man's alleged assailant, Sui Sang, is said to have absconded and is now wanted by the police for alleged cutting and wounding.

Two operatic stars of unusual brilliance, Toti Dal Monte, world's greatest coloratura soprano, and Enzo de Muro Lemato, leading tenor of La Scala, Milan, will be heard in a great joint song recital at the Theatre Royal on the evening of Monday, March 29th. It is expected that these famous artists will take Hongkong by storm. Their programme will be almost all operatic and should provide music-lovers here with a distinct thrill.

The China Station "are notoriously not fighting ships at all. They might be described as boiler-cases, 80,000 h.p. being boxed in between thin steel plates so that a well-placed 4-in shell from a destroyer might prove exceedingly unpleasant to them." Some of Captain Acworth's contentions are dubious. His disparagement of high speed in warships cannot be accepted without qualifications, while it is perhaps hardly necessary to point out that Britain cannot build a fleet to Captain Acworth's designs while the Treaties of Washington and London are in force. His submissions that battleships have been allowed to become too large and expensive are generally agreed, but it will also be commonly felt that his reaction takes him too far to the other extreme.



"Now try to remember this some way—if a customer asks to see the overstaffed, call for me."

IS MODERN LIFE
UGLY?

TWO POINTS
OF VIEW.

Age of Swiftmess
and Strength.

By OSBERT SITWELL.

WE do not live in an ugly age; it is a beautiful age, infinitely more so than the last one, if only we know how to see it and how to live in it.

Alas! many of the people obliged to live in it are used to the unimaginable equality of the late-nineteenth-century, with its endless rows of hideous red villas, full of darkness and dust-traps, its suffocating fog, its lack of elementary cleanliness and order; and these poor beings are puzzled and overwhelmed by the new developments: the bathrooms, the motor-cars (so much cleaner than horses), the electric light, the new methods of heating and cooking, and the whole ideal of cleanliness and economy.

But, sooner or later, we shall be driven to accept the conditions which the new age imposes upon us: forced to live in high blocks of flats, to abolish coal smoke, to banish the last remnant of stumpling horses from the roads which they encumber, and the armies of pampered dogs from the pavements. Then life will be more lovely still.

Steel and Glass Furniture.

Inside the flats in which they live they will have, not faded prints and sham mahogany furniture but a few paintings by the new masters—and what good painters there are to-day!—and furniture adapted to the life of the time, and made, in all probability, of glass and steel. The bility of glass and steel, the exterior of these blocks will not be decorated with lifeless academic masks but, instead, they will have on them the carvings, of the celebrated sculptors of to-day.

Disgruntled persons will no longer paint Epstein's "Rima" pea-green, but if they wish to inflict such childish indignities on any work of sculpture they will obliterate the Marse Cavell monument, an ignoble memorial of a great and brave woman.

Of course, the age is not equally beautiful in all countries. It is more beautiful, cleaner, and newer in Berlin and New York than in London, in Detroit and Stuttgart than in Sheffield or Coventry.

Alas! the nineteenth-century attitude to life lingers here; an attitude encouraged by the succession of sickeningly inept Governments, which since the war have made Parliament a laughing stock, and by the universal poverty, both of actual wealth and thought, which these have engendered. Just as politically, so civilly we seem inclined to waste our ancient possessions: to lose India, and pull down many ancient monuments of beauty.

But this does not mean that the age is an ugly one; only that the English race has not faced the age and will not come out boldly into it as have America, Italy, France, and Germany: will not realise that this is an epoch of

swiftness, strength, action, cleanliness and hard outlines, and not one of stuffy, upholstered little houses, old broughams, tramway-cars (as obsolete now as horse-drawn vehicles), and an endless circle of pompous and meaningless talk.

Beauty in London.

But even now, with these drawbacks, lacking the tiring immensity of New York, or the strange, savage wonder of Berlin, how lovely life is in London, with its new high, clean houses, its streams of motor-cars, and superbly beautiful motor-omnibuses, flickering in red and yellow along roads glazed to look like huge, smooth, dark canals!

But beauty is not a matter of the exterior arts alone. Life is less dull (which is the same thing) in many other ways.

Never have there been such beautiful orchestras at so many and such delightful concerts: the B.B.C., too, whatever its critics say, has added to the beauty and interest of life, just as have the gramophone and the cinema.

But, beautiful as life is now, how much more so will it become in the next few decades. We shall not allow more people to pile themselves into the already overcrowded historic cities, unsuited to modern industrial life.

We shall then build magnificent new centres of industry, where factories are beautiful and where the workers will be housed in comfort and cleanliness, with wonderful roads in which, owing to their width and the design of the towns, traffic-blocks are impossible; and we shall use lighting for beauty as much as for its actual purpose. Illuminated fountains will play high in the air, as they do now in Paris, New York, and even Naples; and the whole of the night will be a perpetual wonder.

Riot of Colours
and Contours.

By D. F. FRASER-HARRIS.

SOME of us think that the absence of good manners from the life of to-day is not so much a question of having "no time to be polite" as it is the result of the tendency in modern life to banish beauty from as many things as possible.

For, in the opinion of many people—some of whom could never be described as old-fashioned or "Victorian"—the tendency in painting is towards a polychromatic and chaotic amorphousness, in sculpture towards an emotional "uncouthness," in music towards a jejune cacophony, and in poetry towards an irregular assortment of unlovely and unintelligible phrases.

We may define beauty as that (non-essential) quality which the cultivated mind perceives in persons, objects, scenes, and actions, and which arouses the emotions of pleasure, satisfaction, and restfulness.

Thus nearly all of us, for instance, find such a painting as Leighton's "Bath of Psyche" or Peter Graham's "Highland Cattle in the Mist" beauty in pigment, the Frieze of the Parthenon beauty in stone, Handel's music beauty in sound, Gray's "Elegy" beauty in words, and the "manners" of some gentlewoman beauty in behaviour.

But if I see a "negroid female dwarf," or again, what looks like a blank wall with a rotten egg thrown at it, if I see huge and hideous figures like nothing on earth, if I hear what reminds me of the rattling of a tube-train in a tunnel, if I read a set of lines whose words might have been thrown together by a blind child—then I am compelled to say these things are not beautiful.

Is it possible to name any causes of this "Ugliness in modern life?" Some unthinking people blame science for it. This is unjust. No doubt, a factory and especially its chimney are hideous, but there is no reason, except the disinclination to spend money, why they should be. A railway embankment is ugly, but factories and railway embankments could be made less unsightly.

If the right desire is there, much can be done to conceal or soften the ugliness inherent in buildings put up for trade purposes. Not science but art is the parent of the unlovely.

In the odious phrase of to-day, the young people are "fed up" with the great masters and cannot admire what has been regarded by their ancestors as admirable.

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LEGAL ARGUMENT
CONCLUDED.PIRACY ISSUE NOT
DECIDED.CROWN RELIES ON THE LAW
OF NATIONS.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

In the Full Court this morning, Mr. Justice Wood and Mr. Justice Lindsell reserved judgment in the unprecedented case in which they were sitting to ascertain whether 12 prisoners could be convicted of piracy in circumstances where no actual robbery had occurred.

Prisoners were unanimously convicted by the jury at last month's Criminal Sessions, after three counts had been quashed as defective and a fourth one evolved and proceeded upon. Sentence was suspended at the criminal trial, pending the result of legal argument on the above point, which was reserved.

The Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster), together with Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, were for the Crown, and Mr. H. A. Shing Lee, instructed by Mr. C. E. L. Grist, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, conducted the case for the prisoners.

Offence Everywhere.

Mr. Alabaster said that yesterday he was dealing with the simple point that every act of depredation committed on the high seas was a piracy *jure gentium* and that he was going on with the point that, being piracy *jure gentium* by international law, it was justifiable everywhere where the offender could be found, including Hong Kong. It would only tend to confuse the issue if he sought to find authority in cases where British nationals operating in their own ships were tried for piracy, because added to the piracy by the law of nations, were many acts by Statute in England and also in America. But there were cases where that evidence did not appear and in those cases he thought would emerge what he was going to prove.

Counsel referred to the case of Kwok Ah-sing which, he said, was a leading Hong Kong case and was decided in 1849. The headnote stated that where some of a large number of Chinese coolies, who had been taken from China to Peru in a French ship, killed the Captain and several of the French crew, and then took the ship back to China, they were held to have been guilty of piracy *jure gentium*, but the piracy was held not to be an offence against the law of China.

Former Judgment.

If they committed an act against the municipal law of any nation, it was against that of France and if they were punishable by the law of China, it was only because they had committed an act of piracy which, *jure gentium*, was justifiable everywhere.

Mr. Alabaster pointed out that the former Chief Justice of Hong Kong, Sir John Smale had said that, if anything the act was piracy *jure gentium* and it was therefore justifiable in Hong Kong. Counsel submitted it was not necessary to go any further and if he attempted to do so he would only bring in a number of other elements which would lead to confusion.

Mr. Justice Wood:—Let me put a few points for your consideration. Supposing your view of Kwok Ah-sing's case is correct, then the Statute of 1849 is not necessary?

Mr. Alabaster agreed, saying it was not necessary to pass the Act for the purpose of giving jurisdiction for piracy *jure gentium* but it was considered necessary to pass a Statute to make clear the jurisdiction of the Admiralty in the Colonies with regard to a large number of offences which were enumerated in the Statute. It would have been misleading to put in the Statute "piracy by municipal law" because a false argument would then have been possible.

Jurisdiction Exists.

His Lordship:—I think your answer is definite, that the Statute of 1849 is unnecessary in respect of piracy *jure gentium*?

Mr. Alabaster:—Yes, because the jurisdiction is already there.

His Lordship:—Is it your view that the act of 1849, in fact, confers a concurrent jurisdiction in respect of piracy *jure gentium*?

Mr. Alabaster:—Yes.

His Lordship:—So that piracy there includes piracy *jure gentium*?

Mr. Alabaster:—Yes.

His Lordship:—I have got you to agree with me that this Act does, in fact, confer jurisdiction in respect of piracy *jure gentium*. Now we turn to Kwok's case. You say that in Kwok's case the Act is not

FAMOUS DANCERS
COMING.BIG TREAT FOR HONGKONG
ON FRIDAY.

Lovers of terpsichorean art in the Colony will be given an opportunity on the evening of Friday, March 27th, to attend a recital which will be given by two of the world's most brilliant dancers, a combination which is described as being refreshingly new and quite without equal in dancing circles. The artists are Clotilde and Alexandre Sakharoff and they will be assisted by Pierre Reitlinger, violinist, and Marcel Gaveau, pianist. Friday night should see the Theatre Royal packed to an unusual degree. The Sakharoffs have already created an enormous sensation in Japan and North China. Their style of dancing has been frequently described as being of even a higher standard than that of the late Anna Pavlova, the Denishaws and the Spanish Dancer, La Argentina. Their art, it is understood, portrays poetry, fantasy and the joy of life. Their costumes are magnificent and have been made to the particular design of Alexandre Sakharoff himself.

The Sakharoffs have enjoyed the admiration of the public of London, Paris and Berlin for several years. They form the most perfect dancing combination in the world to-day. Booking for the recital is now open at Moutrie's.

WEST BROMWICH DROP
A POINT.FOOTBALL IN ENGLAND
YESTERDAY.

London, Mar. 23. West Bromwich Albion, the Cup finalists, who are fighting out the Second Division promotion issue with Tottenham Hotspur, dropped a valuable point when they visited Oldham to-day, a draw of two goals each resulting.

In the Third Division (South) Clapton Orient brought off the unexpected in paying a visit to Luton and returning with both points. Only one goal was scored.

TRAINING OF CHINESE
NAVY.NANKING PAYING BRITAIN
ACTUAL COST.

London, Mar. 23. Replying to Mr. Peter, Lord Donal (Con. Isle of Wight), who asked the First Lord of the Admiralty regarding the arrangements made with the Nationalist Government of China for the training of the Chinese Navy, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Financial Secretary, stated that the Chinese National Government were paying the actual cost to the British Government.

U.S. WHEAT PRICES
SLUMP.LOWEST RECORDED FOR
36 YEARS.

Chicago, Mar. 23. Wheat prices sagged to the lowest point since 1895 yesterday, following the Farm Board's announcement that no Government stabilization of prices will be attempted in connection with the 1931 crop.

The declines ranged from three to eleven cents per bushel, the closing price being 59 3/4 cents. *Reuter's American Service.*

mentioned. Why should it be mentioned?

Mr. Alabaster:—Not only does it not mention the Act but they use the word "therefore" and they use words which show that the jurisdiction is derived from the law of nations and not from anything else.

His Lordship:—Before that time the Hong Kong Court had jurisdiction under this Act. Why do you suppose the Judges of the Privy Council were unaware of the fact?

Mr. Alabaster said he thought they were aware of the fact but they were very careful to say that the jurisdiction was derived from the law of nations and, otherwise, it would only lead to confusion.

Referring to the words "justifiable everywhere," His Lordship suggested they might mean that no nation would extend its national protection to a pirate seized by any other nation and would be content for the other nation to deal with him.

Mr. Alabaster said it was sufficient for his case to say that Kwok Ah-sing's case was a complete authority that the Court in Hong Kong had jurisdiction to try prisoners for the offence they had committed and it was not necessary for him (counsel) to rely upon the Statute.

As stated above, judgment was reserved.

CHINA PRESIDENCY
QUESTION.CHIANG OUTLINES NANKING
ATTITUDE.

NOT NECESSARY YET.

Nanking, Mar. 23. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has issued an important statement concerning the coming National People's Convention, which will, he says, adopt the Provisional Constitution.

Marshal Chiang added that the present political situation in the country, with the Provinces united under one Kuomintang administration, did not justify the re-constitution of the Presidency system. It had, he said, been unanimously agreed among the Nanking executives that no President shall be elected during the present period of political tutelage, and it was uncertain whether under the new Constitution China would need a President or not.

Marshal Chiang recalled how the founder of the Kuomintang Party, the late Dr. Sun Yat-sun, twice accepted the Presidency, once in the North and on the second occasion in Canton. Marshal Chiang said those were times when the country required a President.

Times had now changed and after a prolonged period of military activity China was unified and the Nanking Government was recognised by the foreign Powers. In the present period of political tutelage, China was ready to undertake extensive reconstruction works and it was deemed that the executive bodies in Nanking would be quite capable of carrying out such projects without a President.

WORK FOR MEN OF
THE SERVICES.GLOWING TRIBUTE TO MR.
AND MRS. MAKEHAM.

In connection with the death of Mr. Charles Makeham, which was reported yesterday, it may be recalled that prior to his departure for Australia last October, a glowing tribute to the work of himself and Mrs. Makeham on behalf of Service men was paid in a communication sent them by Mr. J. H. Gelling, the Hon. Secretary, conveying the fact that the following resolution was passed by the Committee of the Home on October 15th:

"On the departure from the Colony of Mr. and Mrs. Makeham the Committee of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Hong Kong, desires to communicate to them and to place on record its deep appreciation of the services they have rendered to the Home throughout many years. In addition to their unflinching support of all that has concerned the interests of the Home, they have rendered unique and priceless service to Service men by the generous way in which they have entertained them on many occasions in their home and garden at Pokfulam."

"We feel sure that many Service men now scattered all over the world remember them with affection and gratitude, and would join with us in wishing them all joy and prosperity in their retirement."

LAW ON PRIVATE
PARKING.

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Mr. Schofield:—On the point of law, so far as the property of the Jockey Club stands is concerned, it is not as far as the parking stand by the hullah? If not, how far does it extend?

Mr. Forsyth:—It extends to another 100 yards beyond the (fill) room, where the car was parked, to the parking stand by the hullah.

Street Defined.

Mr. Schofield said the summons came under the Vehicles and Traffic Regulations, which defined a road as a street, highway, thoroughfare, alleyway, lane, passage, or place to which the public had access continuously or intermittently, whether the same be Crown land or otherwise. Furthermore, the Governor-in-Council had powers to regulate or restrict traffic, vehicular or pedestrian, on such property, permit or prohibit the driving of vehicles on certain roads where such driving was considered undesirable.

"I must therefore rule against you on the point of law," said his Worship to Mr. Forsyth. "I take into consideration the fact that you have a claim to be there, and I merely caution you."

There was no competition at the Crown Land Sale yesterday, when Rural Building lot 327, at Repulse Bay, was put for auction. The applicant, Mr. Eu Tong-sen secured the lot for the upset price of \$288.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.
ANNUAL REPORT AND STATE-
MENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The annual meeting of the Society of St. George will be held on March 30, at 6.30 p.m., in the Board Room of Messrs. Jifredine Matheson & Co., Ltd.

The annual report states: Your Committee have pleasure in presenting to you the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930. The General Funds show a balance of \$4,575.94, an increase of \$123.16 as compared with the end of 1929, while there is a balance of \$2,280.08 at the credit of the Entertainment Fund. The surplus from the 1930 Ball Account was \$828.40 which was included in a transfer made from General Ball Funds to the Entertainment Fund.

The call on the Society for relief were comparatively small in number but the amount disbursed was \$1,053.03 part of which was a contribution towards the passage of a distressed Englishwoman and her daughter who were repatriated. Close touch was kept with the Hongkong Benevolent Society and the Charities Organization to ensure that those seeking relief from the Society were deserving of aid.

On St. George's Day a wreath was laid on the Cenotaph. In the afternoon the Band and Bugles of the 1st Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's) gave a Concert and sounded "Retreat" on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground. Despite an interruption by rain the Concert was much enjoyed by a large gathering. At night the Society was "at home" to the men of the Services in the Lee Theatre, when a variety concert was given. There was a crowded house and the Society's guests clearly demonstrated their appreciation of the entertainment.

On Armistice Day a wreath of Flanders Poppies was laid at the Cenotaph.

The Annual Golf Match against St. Andrew's Society was played at Fungling on 16th November, 1930. For the first time for some years past St. Andrew's won.

The Annual Ball on Twelfth Night was attended by over 1,000 members and guests, a number considerably in excess of any previous Ball held by the Society. Your Committee regret to have to record the death of Mr. P. W. Blackwell who was killed in a flying accident in Europe while on leave.

During the year 80 new members joined the Society, but about the same number resigned or were struck off on account of prolonged absence from the Colony. The number on the active list is now 518 as against 517 at the last annual meeting.

During the year His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.) honoured the Society by becoming its Patron. The Accounts have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., to whom the thanks of the Society are due.

RIOT OF COLOURS AND
CONTOURS.

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able. They don't seem to understand what is meant by the term "classical." People that can tire of Titian and Canova, of Handel, Beethoven, Scott, and Tennyson, would tire of the sun, moon, and stars.

The second cause at work is the detestable dislike of making a thing true to Nature. It is now no longer admitted by the precious ones of the anti-tru-to-Nature school that the first requirement in a picture representing Nature is faithfulness to Nature. Let us clear our minds of cant on this point. If a man sets out to portray a woman, let us say, and represents her as angular, flat, squat, deformed, or obese, when he is none of these things, then he is a ruffian, aesthetically speaking.

Lastly, some of us strongly suspect that behind this present-day riot in colours and absurdity in contours, these monstrosities in stone, this racket in music, and this ugliness in verse, there is a great deal of sheer laziness and positive incompetence.

HOUSE DAMAGED BY
DYNAMITE.MAN ARRESTED FOLLOWING
EXPLOSION.

Damage to the wall of a house and some cooking utensils was caused by the explosion of a stick of dynamite which had been secreted in a hole in the wall by a person believed to be a man who has since been arrested.

According to a report made to the police by Lo Tam, living in an unnumbered house at Sai Wan Ho, Shaukwan, someone put a stick of dynamite in a hole in the wall of his kitchen, which later exploded, causing damage to the premises as well as to some articles in the kitchen. Lo Tam suspects a man named Tsang Sing-tin, who has since been arrested.

MISSION TO CANTON
ENTERTAINED.NEED FOR CO-OPERATION
WITH HONGKONG.

Members of the Hongkong commercial mission including Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Mr. S. W. Teo, O.B.E., and Messrs. Chan Lim-pak, Fung Ping-shan, Kwok 'Siu-lau, Sham Pak-ming, Li Yek-mui, Chau Yu-teng and Leung Pat-yu, who visited Canton with the aim of strengthening the bonds of friendship and mutual co-operation between these two ports, returned to Hongkong on Sunday afternoon on the a.s. Tung On.

On Friday evening the members of the mission were guests of the Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Chan Chai-tong, and the Civil Governor, General Chan Ming-shu, at the Government Club at Taitze Garden and, in the course of the party, both General Chan Ming-shu and Sir Shou-son Chow, delivered brief speeches.

After the dinner the government officials accompanied the Hongkong merchants to a theatrical show at the Kwangtung Dramatic Club.

A Reception.

On Saturday morning members of the Hongkong Mission received their Canton friends and some Government visitors at the New Asia Hotel, the Chairman of the Canton Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Chau Din-ping, and representatives of the various public bodies being amongst the visitors. Later in the morning representatives of the Government accompanied the Hongkong merchants on a motor tour of the city, visiting the Cement Factory and other new buildings. The party returned to the New Asia Hotel where they had lunch with the Civil Governor and the Commissioner of Reconstruction, General Tang Yin-wah, and Mr. Kin Tsang-ching, Director of Education.

In the afternoon they visited the Provincial Library, Museum, the Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall on the Hill of the Goddess of Mercy, and other resorts in the suburbs. In the evening, the Canton Chinese Chamber of Commerce entertained the Hongkong merchants at the The Sun Co. Restaurant. Mr. Chau Din-ping, for the hosts, in the course of a speech of welcome, stressed the hope that Hongkong merchants would sympathise with the Kuomintang Government by rendering what assistance they should towards furthering reconstruction works in Kwangtung.

Mr. Chiu Tsing-shan, of the Canton Chamber, spoke of the decision of the Canton merchants to erect a new building to house the Canton Chinese Chamber of Commerce and to organise a commercial institute and also a hall for the exhibition of native products. The speaker mentioned that they hoped to secure \$100,000 from the Canton merchants and an equal amount from the Hongkong Chinese and \$200,000 from Chinese residing in Malaya and U.S.A.

NOW A MAYOR.

MR. H. F. CARMICHAEL
AT WORTHING.

Many residents who remember Mr. H. F. Carmichael, of Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke, will be interested to learn that he has been elected, for the second year, to the Mayoralty of Worthing, Sussex.

To mark this occasion, Mr. Carmichael, J.P., and Mrs. Carmichael, J.P., have been entertaining fellow councillors and townspeople to social functions, a Ball being followed by an "At Home" and, later, by a big dance. In reporting the second function, the local newspaper stated:

Nearly five hundred guests were welcomed to an "At Home" given by the Mayor and Mayoress of Worthing (Councillor H. F. Carmichael, J.P., and Mrs. Carmichael, J.P.).

This was the second big social function of the week to which the Chief Citizen of the borough and his wife invited their fellow townspeople at the Municipal Pavilion, which proved such an admirable rendezvous for gatherings of the kind mentioned, and which have been an outstanding feature of the social life of the town during the Mayoralty of Councillor Carmichael.

The Mayor (who wore his official robes and chain of office, and who was attended by the mace-bearer, Mr. J. E. Curtis), and the Mayoress (smartly gowned in red) gave a hearty welcome to all their guests. The whole of the seating on the floor of the Pavilion had been removed to make way for the numerous tables necessary for the serving of tea, which was successfully undertaken by the Refresh-



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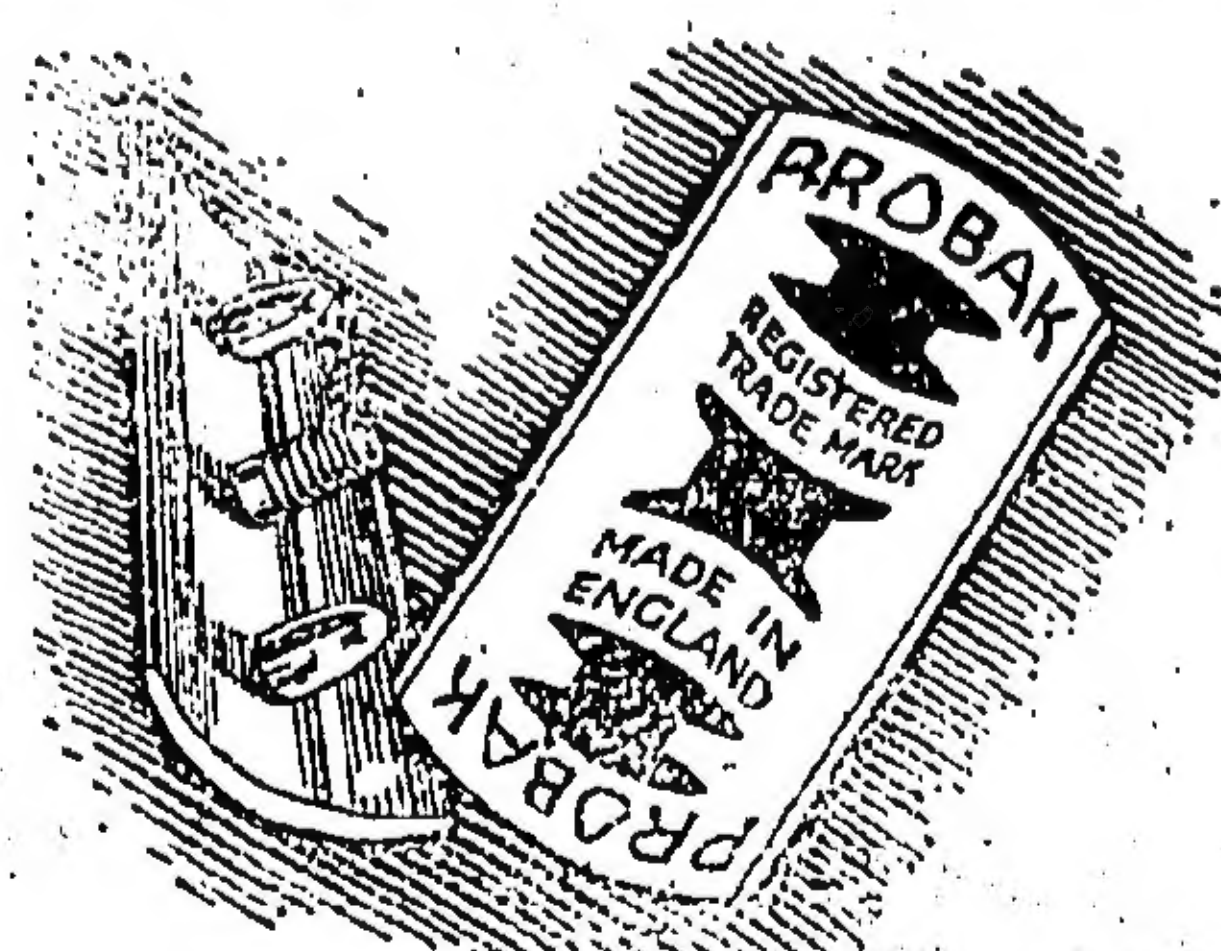


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Another Function.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Worthing (Councillor H. F. Carmichael, J.P., and Mrs. Carmichael, J.P.) have issued 800 invitations to a second dance which they are giving at the Pavilion on Monday, 10th February. On this occasion, their guests will include members of the Corporation staff and representatives of various bodies with which the Mayor and Mayoress, in their private capacity, are actively associated.



Begs to Announce Their Revised Schedule of PRICES OF ADMISSION

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(Children 20 Cents to Front Stalls).

At 5.10 & 7.15 p.m. Dress Circle \$1.40, Upper Circle \$1.00, Back Stalls 60 Cents and Front Stalls 45 Cents.
(Children 30 Cents to Front Stalls)

At 9.20 p.m. Dress Circle \$1.70, Upper Circle \$1.00, Back Stalls 80 Cents and Front Stalls 45 Cents

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RUGBY FOOTBALL.

EXCITING FINISH IN LOCAL MATCH.

Only one point separated the Army and Navy in the Triangular Tournament match at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon. Had Roberts been able to convert the Navy's last try—his place-kick hit the post and rebounded on the wrong side—the honours would rather undoubtedly have gone to the Navy, whose weakness outside the scrum was obvious.

Strangely enough, the Army forwards played up to better form than was suggested, and Pratt hooked very well in the first half, so that the Army halves and three-quarter backs caused the Army three-quarters good in combination, some attractive football was seen, though the Army's first and second tries were the result of opportunism more than sheer skill and speed.

It was a mistake of Woods, the Navy left back, that gave the Army their first score. Hamilton had kicked too far ahead, and Woods was fielding a ball that bounced badly when Hamilton, who had followed up, ran along to take the ball from Woods' hands and touch down near the posts. Hamilton was rather weak with what should have been an easy place-kick, and could not get direction nor distance with the next one, which he, incidentally, did not score near the flag, after he, Douglas and Galletly had taken play to the Navy line by a succession of 'sooner' kicks.

The Navy were not playing well at this stage, though David had got in a number of good tackles, bringing Barlow down prettily on the line. Their three-quarters were too inclined to kick for touch, or run straight into the opposition, for much good football to develop; the Army forwards were also a little responsible for some of the limitations of the Navy three-quarters, for they followed up keenly and smothered many chances of the Navy halves opening out the game.

The first minutes of the second half saw the Army still having the best of matters, though Bressan began to get the ball more often in the set scrums and there seemed to be more life in the Navy three-quarters. The Army, however, were first to score, a kick forward, misjudged by Woods, enabling Gilmore to dash up and get over. Tait could not manage the kick.

Naval Efforts.

The Navy revival began after this reverse, and Roberts and Francis, the Navy halves, tried several times to get through on their own. Success crowned their efforts, when Francis showed his way through a horde of Army forwards and passed to Willington, who touched down. The place-kick met the same fate as those taken for the Army.

A spell of pressure by the Army at the other end, when a try might have been obtained on a number of occasions, but for desperate tackling and marking, ended in Barlow getting on his toes and scoring a good try, too far out for Suter to add the two points with a good kick that went very close. The Navy replied to this reverse, which might have seemed to have shattered all their hopes, with a continued attack, culminating in Glass going over after a pretty combined movement—the best try of the day. Roberts broke the spell that had hung over all the place-kicks by converting this try with a splendid kick.

Still four points down, and only ten minutes to go, but the Navy tried to snatch the game from the Army with a succession of well-sustained attacks by the forwards. Their three-quarters were inclined to kick for touch too frequently, losing valuable moments, but the forwards were at last rewarded when some fumbling play on the Army line sent the ball to Northwood who got over nicely at the same spot as Glass previously. Then came the kick referred to, which meant defeat or victory for the Navy. Roberts got in a good bang, but the ball hit the post on the wrong side.

A fair crowd of spectators included H. E. Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Commodore A. H. Walker, O.B.E.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN TURKEY.

INCREASE OF SUICIDE AND DIVORCE.

Both in the Press and in conversation, suicides and divorce cases are nowadays prominent features of Turkish life. In many cases, suicides occur among the young under twenty. A hard word uttered by parents, and still more frequently love affairs are the commonest motives. In a single school two girls took their lives within a short time, and a special inquiry was made into the psychological causes of the case. In another instance two working girls decided to die together.

At the same time, the number of divorce suits, which was already great last year, has still further increased during the past few months. The president of a tribunal has declared, in this connexion, that disagreement in married life is, in the first place, due to the scarcity of material resources. Another cause, he added, was the moral crisis Turkey is now undergoing. Divorces, as they occur today, are not to be looked upon as a continuance through the new civil code of the old form of repudiation. Polygamy had already practically disappeared from Istanbul when the reforms were introduced, so that the multiplication of divorce cases constitutes a problem which is entirely novel in this country.

LOCAL YACHTING.

RE-SAIL OF THE CRUISER CHAMPIONSHIP.

A re-sail of the fifth Cruiser Championship race of the H. K. Yacht Club took place on Sunday, the course being round Cheung Chau (P), a distance of 25 miles. The result was as follows:

| Yacht | Posn. | Time | Sailed by |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------------------|
| Assura | 1 | 10 42 | Mr. E. B. Lambert |
| La Gleise | 2 | 11 14 | Mr. N. Croucher |
| Isle | 3 | 12 14 | Mr. Anstruther |
| Norseman | 4 | 13 12 | Mr. H. B. House |
| U and I | 5 | 13 12 | Mr. H. B. House |
| Curlew | DNF | | |
| Wanderer | DNF | | |
| Blue | DNF | | |

Yesterday's Event.

Yesterday afternoon there was a race for ladies, for presented cups, the course being: Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Mark on line (S), East Rock mark (S); a distance of 5.5 miles.

The results were as follows:

| Yacht | Posn. | Time | Sailed by |
|-------------|-------|------|--------------------|
| Ylana | 1 | 2 10 | Mrs. E. M. Dincham |
| Bella | 2 | 2 10 | Mrs. T. Thorp |
| La Linda | 3 | 2 10 | Mrs. J. Macdonald |
| Arctura II | 4 | 2 10 | Mrs. T. E. Pearce |
| Why Wonder? | 5 | 2 10 | Mrs. P. Fowler |
| Wings | DNF | | Mrs. E. Flood |
| Boolan | 6 | 2 10 | Mrs. G. Pickering |
| Speedwell | 7 | 2 10 | Mrs. H. Stewart |
| Daphne | 8 | 2 10 | Mrs. M. de Linde |

REVOLVER SHOOTING.

POLICE BEAT TEAM FROM H.M.S. SUFFOLK.

Firing a revolver match at 15 yards at the Bowen Road range yesterday afternoon, the Hongkong Police beat a team from H.M.S. Suffolk. The Navy men used their .45 service weapons, while the police were equipped with their .38 short revolvers.

The conditions were slightly different to those in force when the Police beat the Shanghai Police recently; the shooters being allowed one shot in two seconds instead of two shots in two seconds.

The scores were: Police 711—Inspector Booker, 103; Sub-Inspector Carpenter, 92; Sgt. Inspector Carey, 78; Sgt. Ritchie, 81; L. S. Carruthers, 70; L. S. Mackay, 96; L. S. Russell, 91; L. S. Scott, 91. Suffolk 625—Ellender, 61; Knowling, 57; Adams, 70; Sanderson, 97; Richards, 87; Mann, 104; Ayres, 63; Fleet, 106.

The annual Lenten sermons at the Catholic Cathedral will be preached by Rev. M. Saul, S.J., every evening at 6 o'clock, from Wednesday, March 25 to Wednesday, April 1, both days inclusive.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

YESTERDAY'S PLAY NOT IMPRESSIVE.

The main part of the tennis championships programme yesterday was confined to ties in the open doubles, but although, on paper, there were some attractive meetings, the contests failed to reveal the players in their best light, and for the most part the tennis was uninteresting.

No match went further than two sets, and in all cases it was "easy come, easy go" for the winners. The Ruminans lost four games in defeating Ho and Lu, whilst Honda and Akiyama were no more extended by F. A. Redmond and L. T. Ride. F. A. Redmond and Madar were expected to put a good show against M. W. and M. K. Lo, but these expectations were not realised, the L.R.C. players losing in straight sets. A. L. Sullivan was the only winner of the day in the open singles, his victim being Chiu Chun-chiu, and the scores were 6-1, 8-6.

In the Club Championship, Goldman easily defeated the Frenchman Segalen, the match being finished in sixteen games.

Full results of yesterday's matches were:

Open Singles.
A. L. Sullivan beat Chiu Chun-chiu, 6-1, 8-6.
Open Doubles.
S. A. and H. D. Ruminans beat Ho Wal-hing and Lu Tak-lam, 6-2, 6-2.
T. Honda and T. Akiyama beat F. A. Redmond and Dr. L. T. Ride, 6-1, 6-2.

M. W. and M. K. Lo beat A. H. Ruminans and A. H. Madar, 6-3, 6-1.
Club Championship.
L. Goldman beat G. Segalen, 6-2, 6-2.

The list of matches for this afternoon is as under:

Open Singles.
E. C. Fincher v. Ng Sze-cheong (Stand Court).
L. Goldman v. G. Lai.
Ng Sze-kwong v. W. T. Lee.

Club Championship.
R. H. Wild v. H. J. Armstrong.
Handicap Singles "A".
A. C. I. Bowker (rec. 1/0) v. G. Segalen (owe 3/0).

Handicap Singles "B".
C. E. Clapham (rec. 1/0) v. A. F. Judd (owe 1/0).

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AIM OF TEACHING.

A large gathering attended the prize-day at St. Joseph's College yesterday, among those present being Mr. G. P. de Martin, who gave away the prizes and certificates, Bishop Valtorta, Monsiur Dufauré de la Prade, Consul-General for France, Rev. Father Byrne, S.J., Rev. Fr. Gallagher, S.J., Rev. Fr. McDonald, S.J., Rev. Fr. Grampa, Rev. Fr. Granelli, Rev. Fr. Galbrato, Rev. Fr. Moreau, Sister Beatrice, Sister Cordeiro, and Mr. A. G. Collins-Taylor.

Before the prize-giving, a programme of musical items was given by the pupils of the College, including the play "The Merchant of Venice," which was deservedly applauded by the audience.

Director's Report.

Bro. Almar, the Director of the College, said part:

The average daily attendance in 1930 was 738. Mr. Sutherland, Inspector of English Schools, spent three days in inspecting our classes. He wrote in his report: "I visited each class, where I inspected all written work, heard reading, and asked questions on most of their school subjects. All written work was good and carefully corrected. Reading was good throughout the school. I read personally pieces of unseen dictation in Classes 1 and 2. The results were very satisfactory. Colloquial was good in the Portuguese section and only fair in the Chinese section. Daily and easy unseen Dictation Tests and easy English dialogues might improve their English. I was pleased to see that full use is made of maps and atlases. The equipment is excellent and the school is very efficient."

Successful Candidates.

We presented 31 candidates for the Matriculation or Senior Local Examination. Nineteen passed the Matriculation. Eight of them are Portuguese, eight Chinese and three of other nationalities. They won 22 distinctions: three in English, 13 in mathematics subjects, three in Physics and Chemistry. Six of the candidates passed with honours. They were Peter Tran Ba Tu, Francis Lim, Lucien Tjion, Ralph Poon, Jorge Remedios, Germano Ribeiro. Lucien Tjion was awarded the Sir Paul Chater Memorial scholarship; Peter Tran Ba Tu and Francis Lim obtained First and second places respectively in the order of merit for the award of the Government Educational Scholarships.

Nine of the successful candidates are now undergraduates in the University. We wish them all success in their studies.

Ninety-seven candidates were presented for the Junior Local Examination. Thirty-nine passed and won 27 distinctions, chiefly in mathematics and Scripture; there were also three in Science and Ho Shiu-lai was the only candidate who passed with distinction in Chinese in the local examinations.

During the past five years, 1926-1930, 171 of our boys have entered for the Matriculation or Senior Local examinations; 101 passed, 27 with honours. During the same period, out of 394 presented for the Junior Local, only 165 passed which is 42%. These figures show that a satisfactory

proportion of those who passed the Junior were also successful in the Matriculation. The standard of the Junior having been raised in recent years, there is now a considerable gap between Class 3 and the Junior Class. To secure better results the students must be thorough in the fundamental subjects and the promotions more strict. This latter measure is invariably distasteful to boys and sometimes objected to by the parents. But I would ask them to bear in mind that the course of studies extends over a period of only eight years. During the past five years out of every 100 boys promoted from Class 4 to Class 3, 65 passed class 3, 42 Class 2 and 25 Class 1. Thus 75% either lag behind or leave school before having completed their secondary course. In our opinion the Junior Local is a good preliminary test and it would be an error to abolish it. The pupils need an incentive and a goal to aim at, and examinations are a wholesome stimulus for everybody—parents, teachers and boys.

IMPORTANCE OF TEACHING.

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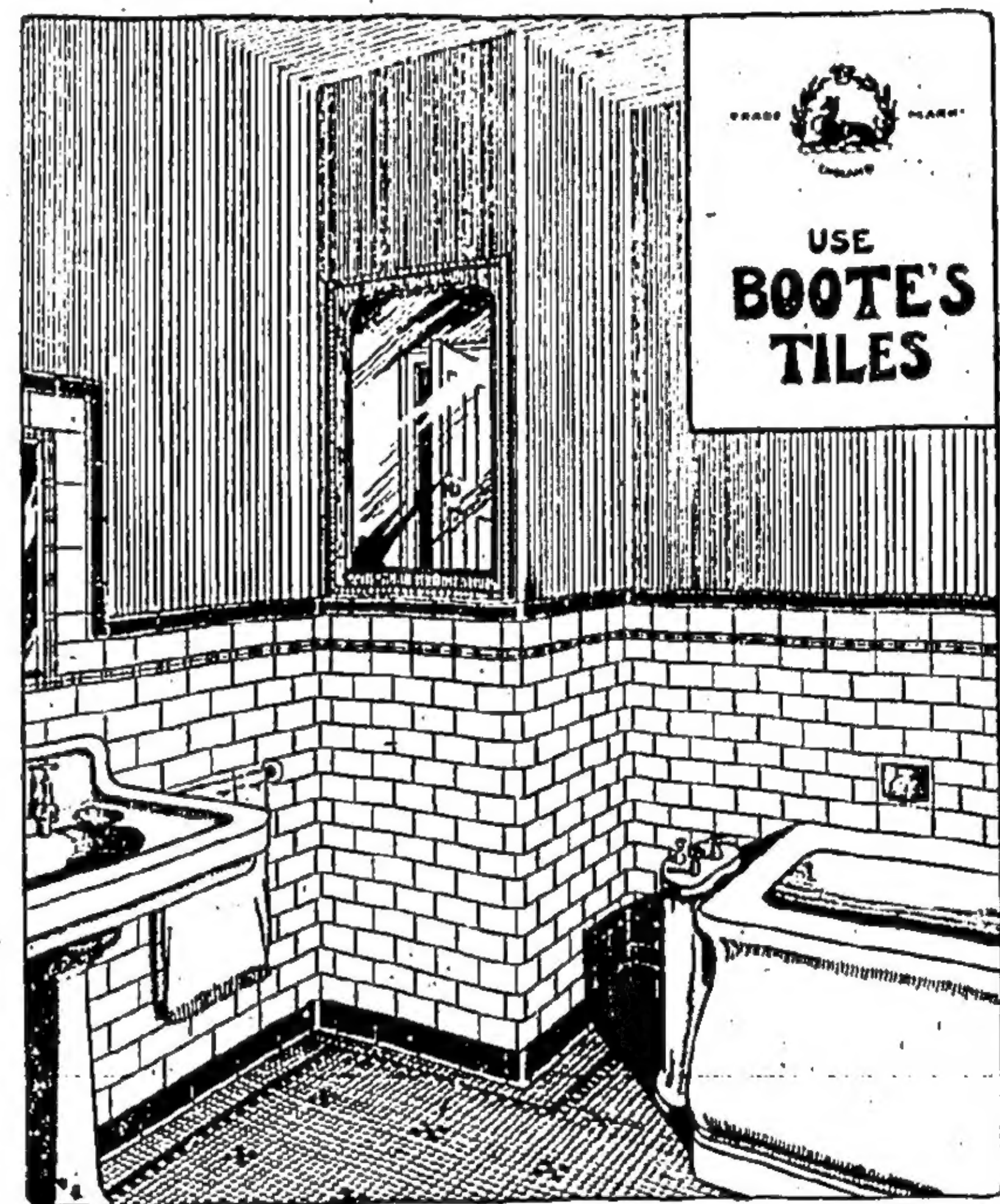
Addressing the gathering, Mr. G. P. de Martin said: Rev. Bro. Almar, ladies and gentlemen. I expect that most of you have seen here and there on the roadside a notice board on which is depicted a torch and you are aware that this is a warning to drivers of cars that they are approaching a school and it is hoped that they will not knock people down as they come out. I do not know that all people connected with

schools merit such tender consideration but my point is that it is a torch which is selected to indicate the proximity of a school and it is a suitable signal, for a torch bears light which is also the function of education. But it may occur to you that a torch bears fire and is sometimes used as the emblem of disorder. And here again, unfortunately a torch may sometimes be a not inappropriate indication of a school.

If one asks what constitutes the difference between the schools of the light-bearing torch and the fire-bearing torch surely the answer is the quality of the teaching, the personality of the teachers and the spirit in which their work is done. If the latter be lofty, or at least earnest: if there be training in ethics as well as instruction in mathematics; if devotion to duty be inculcated by personal example: if the young people go forth not only materially equipped for the battle of life but also influenced by those elementary moral principles which everywhere and in every age have been the basis of civilization and are yet to-day the condition of its continued existence; then such schools not only bear light into the minds and souls of their children but are the safest means of insuring the future well-being of any community.

But if all this be absent? If the teachers do not make it their business that their charges shall learn of the claims of duty and leave them to pick up what they may of what are called rights: if trigonometry and such things come before discipline: if industry is held to have no intrinsic worth and is valued only for what can be got out of it: if moral principles to which

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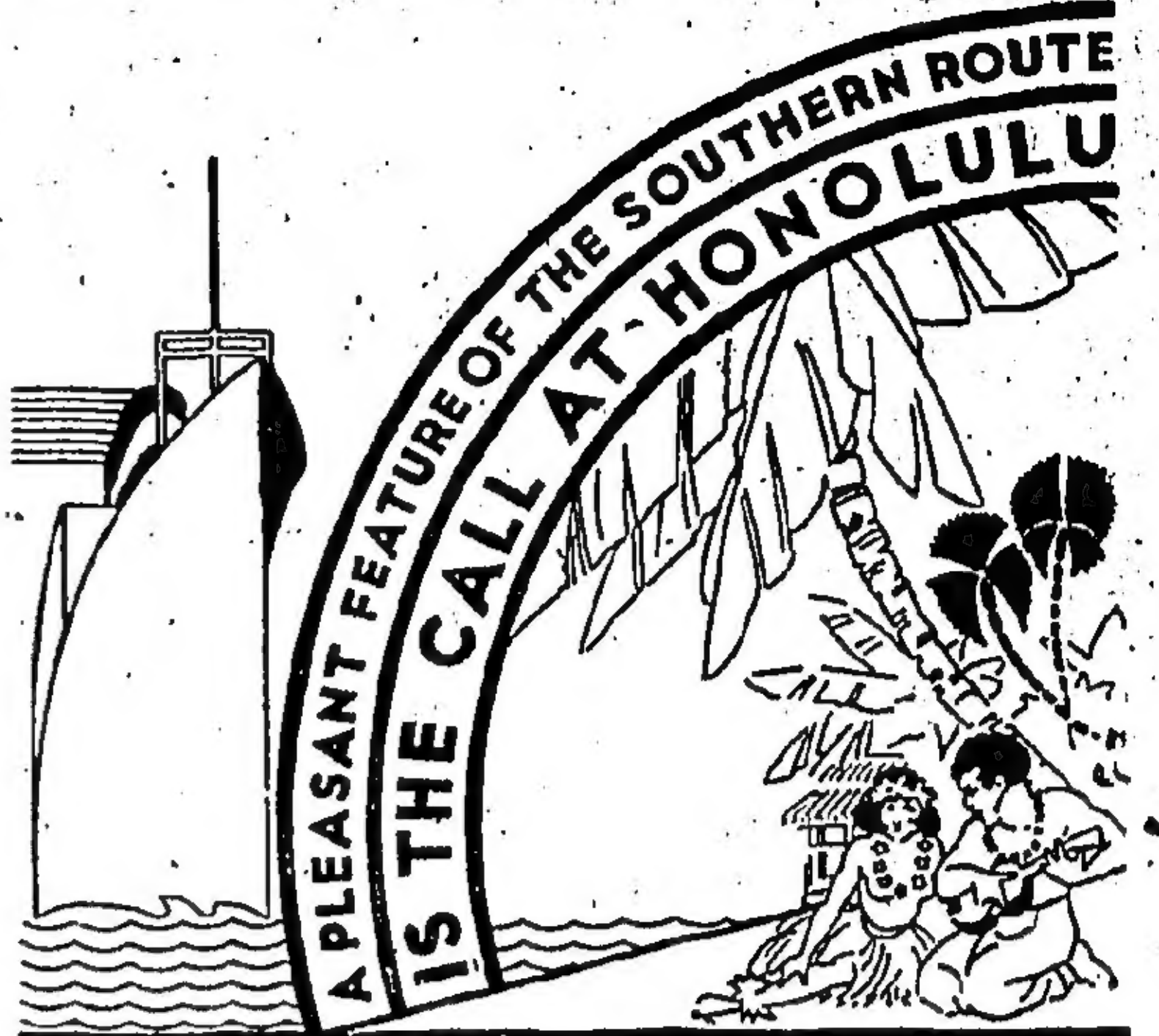
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no examination marks are attached be relegated to the lumber room: then such a school can be at best a mere machine for turning out commercial cogwheels and may be anything between that and a grave public danger.

Question of Qualification. It may seem strange that I should suggest to you that education may not always be an unmixed blessing, but it is just in that truth that lies the responsibility of those entrusted with the teaching of children. It may be that not all teachers are conscious of this responsibility. It may be as well that they should not be, though I know many of them are. Just as it may be as well that the woodman should be not concerned with the wood, or that the surgeon should not be too conscious of the risk to his patient's life or the suffering he has to endure.

But would the owner of the timber regard the skill of his woodman as of little importance? And when we have to place ourselves in the hands of a surgeon does anything much matter except his ability to perform the operation?

We should think it strange to read an advertisement for an accountant in which the requirements would be a moderate degree of honesty, some acquaintance with elementary arithmetic, no previous experience. I have never read in a newspaper, "Wanted a chauffeur, must be cheap, no previous experience in driving necessary, he can learn in my new, expensive Rolls Royce." That is absurd, but then it never happens.

But I suggest to you that something of the sort can be discerned in the attitude frequently adopted towards the work of teachers—"Let them practice on the mind and soul of my child."

Nor is it only to parents that the quality of the teaching and the personality of the teacher are of vital importance. The future of any community will be determined by those who are children to-day. It behoves us, therefore, to be careful under whose influence we allow these children to pass.

For a school is not a shop. Nor do teachers, in exchange for school fees hand over something with the production of which they are not concerned. They give of themselves. There are no lessons in absolute literature or even absolute mathematics. There are literature and mathematics plus the personality of Mr. X, Brother Y or Miss Z.

Careful Selection.

As an educational policy the careful selection of teachers is worth the sum of all the advice rained upon us by the multitude of counsellors with which our trade is so generously provided.

Not that we have not, all of us, had reason to be grateful for advice contributed by men of good will and educational experience. For perhaps no profession more than the teacher's benefits from the pooling of experience.

There is even something to be learned from those happy persons who can formulate plans and criticise actualities in the placid environment of the oil lit study where the boundary line between

VALEDICTORY.

IMPENDING DEPARTURE OF MR. F. A. BROWN.

After having been in Hongkong for 26 years, Mr. F. A. Brown, Electrical Station Engineer of the Royal Naval Dockyard, will be leaving by the s.s. Rawalpindi on Saturday for Home, consequent upon his appointment to H.M. Naval Base, Portland.

A well-attended gathering took place at the Naval Yard on Friday evening, when his conferees presented him with a silver coffee pot and cake-stand, as a token of their esteem and to wish him "Bon Voyage" and good luck and health in the Old Country.

Mr. W. J. D. Bleckford was in the chair, and the presentation was made by Mr. Benham, the Superintendent Electrical Engineer. Among those also present were Eng. Captain Sears, D.S.O., Mr. Thompson, Electrical Engineer, and Dr. Hunt, R.N.M.B. Complimentary speeches were made.

During his stay in the Colony, Mr. Brown has been prominently identified with Freemasonry, and has been a keen sportsman. He is still an ardent tennis player, and for many years has been a keen rifle shot, representing the Naval Yard Rifle Club, of which for a time he was Chairman.

He is being accompanied home by Mrs. Brown, and both will take with them the good wishes of a wide circle of friends.

Another Presentation.

At the same as the above presentation was made, opportunity was taken to make a farewell gift to Mr. W. Huggett, Station Supervisor, who is shortly leaving for Home on his appointment in a similar capacity to H.M. Dockyard, at Crombie, Scotland.

Mr. Huggett was the recipient of a silver tea set, and the good wishes of all his conferees.

the desirable and the attainable is not so clearly marked as it is with us.

But there are no perfect schools except those of theorists where parents do not care whether their children can earn a living or not: where there is a continuous supply of teachers of the kind, in the quantity and at the moment they are required: where children are of a convenient and appalling uniformity and where financial resources are inexhaustible.

There are no perfect schools, not even St. Joseph's College, but we have learned by experience that there are quite possible positions in the scale between the "state of Denmark" and the paradise of the theorist.

High up in this scale gleams the torch of St. Joseph's College. The College is an asset to the Colony just as its old boys are salutary elements in this community and in any other to which they may belong.

I have to thank you, Brother Aimar, for the privilege you have conferred on me to-day. It has been a great joy to leave my desk and come again among these bright children and promising young men. The renewed consciousness that I am associated with you and your devoted staff and our colleagues in other schools in the work you are doing for these young people gives the desk a meaning and makes it worth while.

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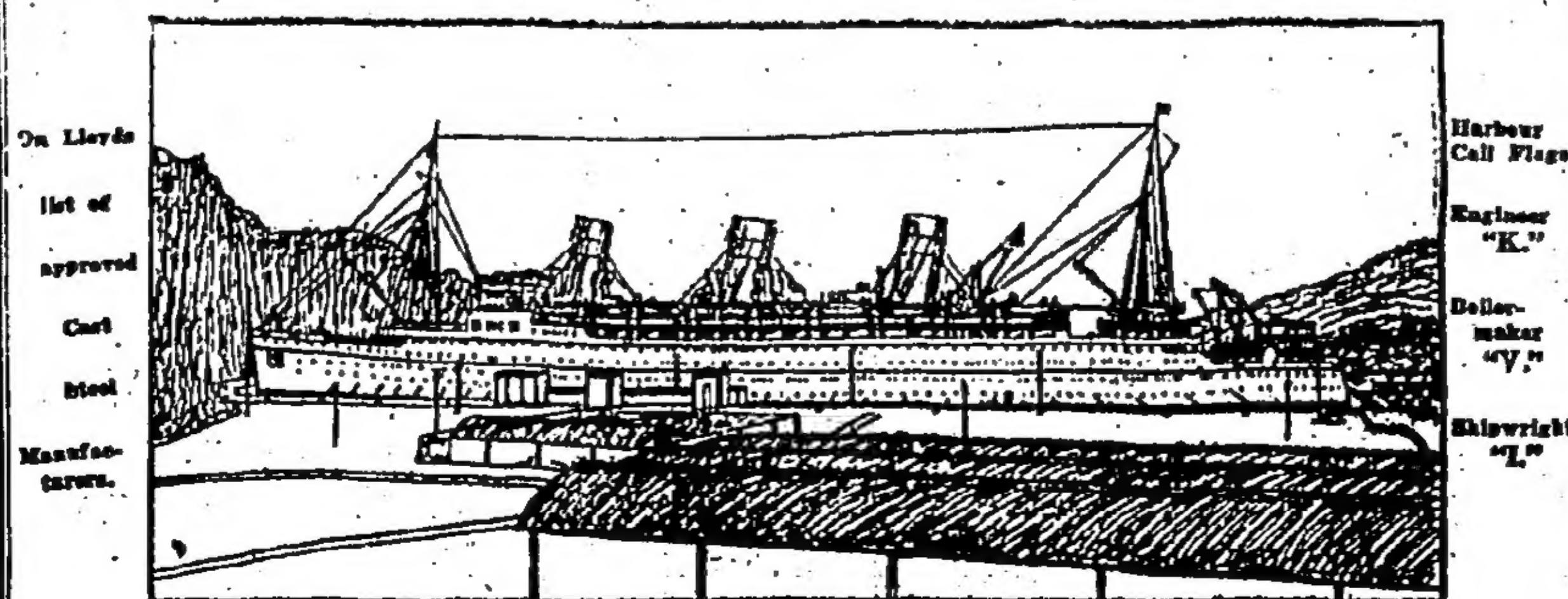
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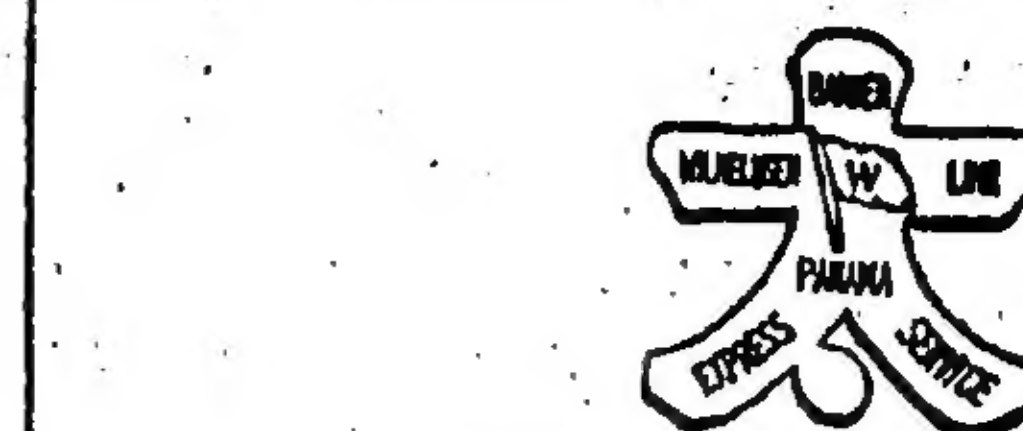
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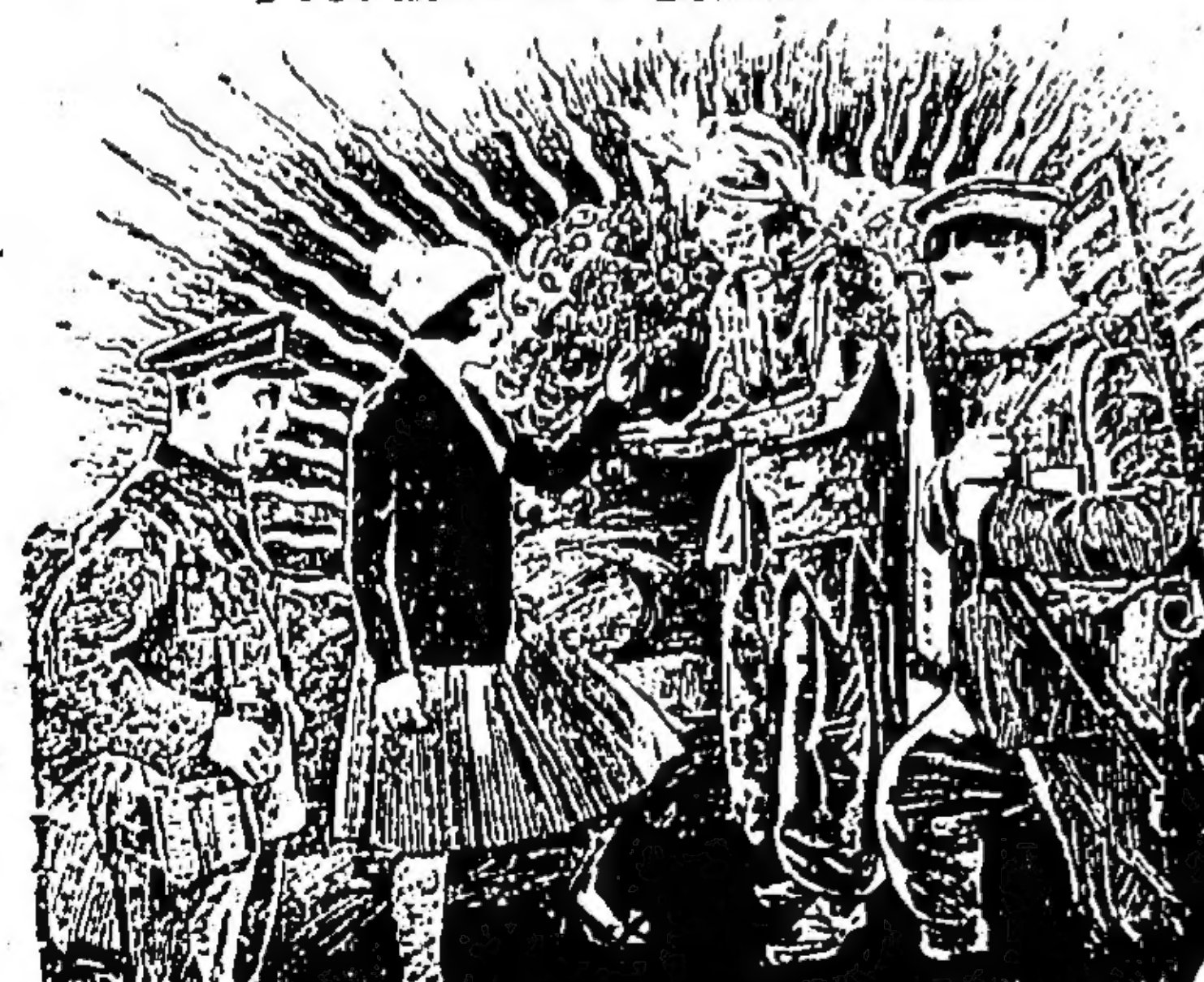
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PROPOSED MINORITIES
COMMISSION.BRITISH GOVERNMENT NOT
COMMITTED.

London, Mar. 23.
Questioned in the House of Commons on the attitude of the British Government to the proposal for a League Permanent Minorities Commission, Mr. Hugh Dalton, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the Government did not commit themselves at the last Assembly.

A general agreement was reached that no change should be made for the present in the existing procedure, which should, however, be applied as fully as possible. *British Wireles.*

BETTING FOR THE
CLASSICS.PRICES IN LINCOLN AND
GRAND NATIONAL.

VICTORIA CALL-OVER.

London, Mar. 23.
The call-over for the Lincolnshire Handicap, to be run at Lincoln on Wednesday, and the Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree on Friday, showed Massai to be the favourite for the Lincoln and Easter Hero for the National. The betting at Victoria Club was as follows:

Lincolnshire.

100/9 Massai (o. 100/8 taken).
100/8 The Masher (t. and o.).
100/6 Knight Error (t. and o.).
20/1 Eyes Front (t. and o.).
20/1 Leonida II (t. and o.).
20/1 Rivalry (o. 25/1 taken).
25/1 Croco (t. and o.).
25/1 Sargasso (t. and o.).
25/1 Telasur (t. and o.).
25/1 Bunch (t. and o.).
28/1 Cat o' Nine Tails (t. and o.).
33/1 Airman (taken).
33/1 Electing Memory (t. and o.).
33/1 offered King Baldwin.
Grand Master, Whoopee and Fuzzy Wuzzy.

Grand National.

100/9 Easter Hero (o.).
100/7 Sir Lindsay (o.).
100/7 Ballasport (o.).
100/6 Drintyre (offered 20/1 t.).
100/6 Grakle (o.).
18/1 Drin (offered).
25/1 Melleray's Belle (o. 28/1 t.).
20/1 Kakushin (t. and o.).
33/1 Shaughollin (t. and o.).
33/1 Gib (t. and o.).
33/1 Richmond II (o. 40/1 taken). *Reuter.*

THE SHANGHAI
CHAMPIONS."A" SWEEP ALREADY SOLD
RIGHT OUT.

Shanghai, Mar. 23.
The remarkable success of the Shanghai Race Club sweepstakes this season is illustrated by the fact that the Champions "A" Sweep was sold out yesterday. *Our Own Correspondent.*

FEARS FOR FATHER
TIERNEY.REPORT OF DEATH NOT YET
CONFIRMED.

BRITISH PRESSURE.

London, Mar. 23.
Fears that Father Tierney, of the St. Columbus Mission, who has been held by Chinese bandits since November last, is dead, were expressed in the House of Commons to-day when Mr. Hugh Dalton, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, made a statement on the matter.

Mr. Dalton stated that it was feared that Father Tierney, who has been held by bandits against ransom at Kienchang, in Kiangsi Province, was dead, although rumours to this effect had not been confirmed.

He added that the Chinese Government had ordered the local Magistrate to pay full ransom, and stated that the British Minister was continuing to do everything in his power to effect the release of Father Tierney if he is still alive. *British Wireles.*

A message from Peking on March 10th stated that the Kiangsi Government had sent \$2,000 to the Catholic Mission which would be given to the bandits in order to avert the immediate murder of Father Tierney, but the bandits were demanding \$11,000 and there was much anxiety, as the captive priest was believed to be in very poor health as a result of the hardships of his captivity.

The last news received was on Tuesday of last week, when it was reported that the bandits had extended by a fortnight the time-limit in which the additional ransom must be paid.

PRINCE OF WALES.

TO BE GUEST IN LISBON
OF PORTUGAL.

Lisbon, Mar. 23.
It is officially announced that the Prince of Wales has accepted an invitation to be the guest of the Portuguese Government at Lisbon on April 24 and 25, on his return to Europe from South America. *Reuter.*

AMUSEMENTS
OF HONGKONG.SHOWING TO-DAY
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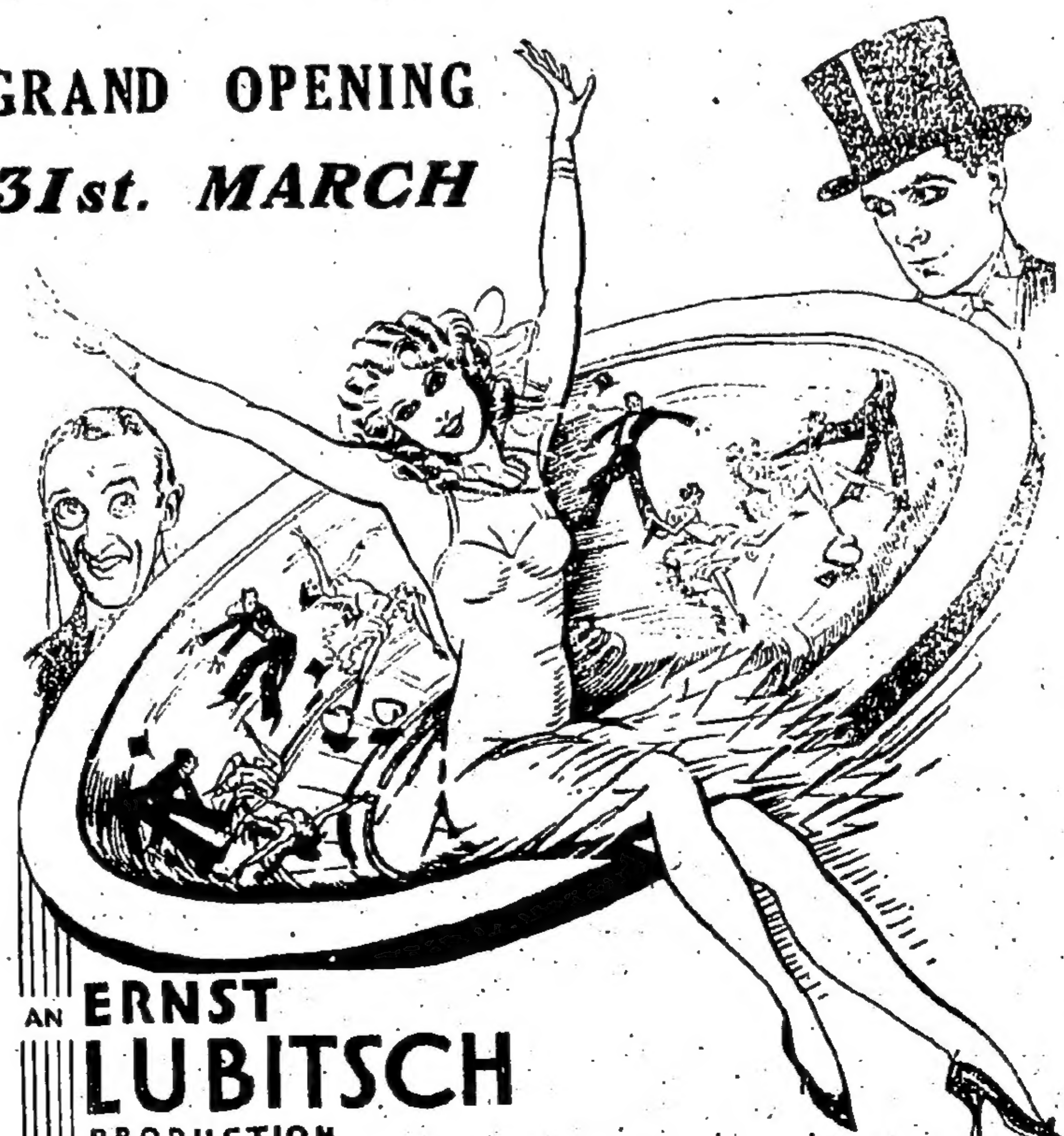
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